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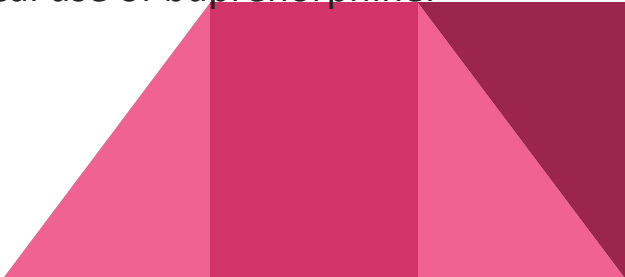


# Presenter's Bio

Dr. Matthew Torrington is a family medicine doctor with a specialty in addiction medicine. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Addiction Medicine. He is a distinguished fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, serves as the Chair of the California Society of Addiction Medicine Committee on Opioids and is a member of the CSAM Board of Directors.

Dr. Torrington serves as Cri Help's Medical Director and has supported their clinical detox service since 2003. Dr. Torrington has been a volunteer clinical professor of the UCLA Nursing school since 2009. Dr. Torrington maintains a private practice focusing on the longitudinal disease management of difficult addiction and pain cases.

As a participant in the development and implementation of significant research studies, Dr. Torrington has served as Principle Investigator, co-investigator or study physician on numerous clinical trials. Dr. Torrington has participated in the clinical use and clinical research of buprenorphine for more than 20 years. Since the early 2000s he has helped to educate physicians, researchers, psychologists, counselors and the public about the clinical use of buprenorphine.



# Opioid Use Disorder

What is the problem?

What to do about it?

July 27, 2023 Live Webinar, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm PST, 1.50 CME/CE Credits  
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# Learning Objectives

1. Identify, assess, and diagnose patients with opioid use disorder while considering severity, chronicity, individual characteristics, and psychiatric and medical comorbidities.
2. Develop an individualized, patient-centered treatment plan including negotiating treatment goals by evaluating appropriate medication- and psychosocial-based treatment options.
3. Monitor progress and modify treatment plan based on patient needs and progress toward treatment goals.
4. Examine misconceptions, stigma, and complexities (bioethical, social, clinical, public health) associated with opioid use disorder and the use of medications to treat opioid use disorder.

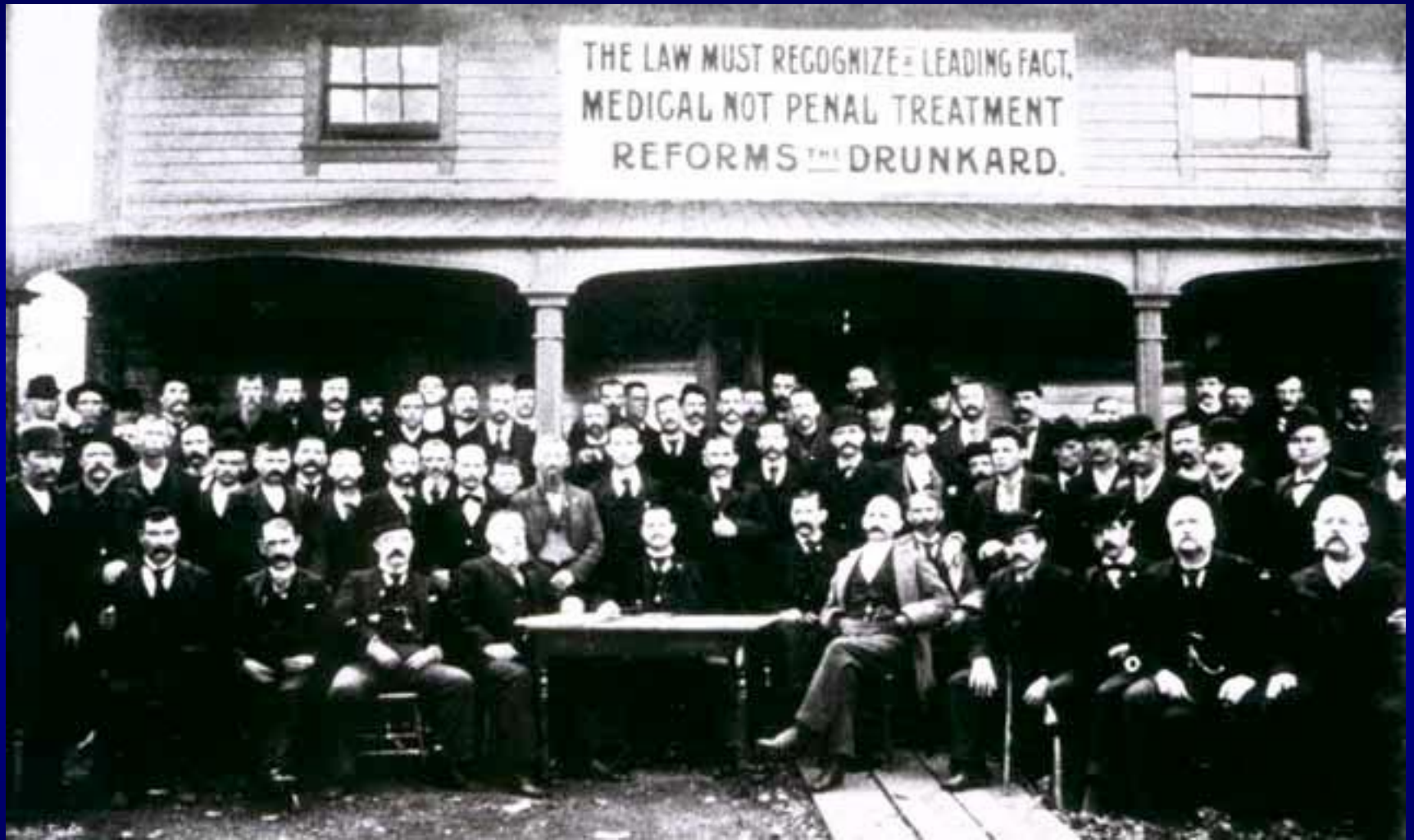
**NICE PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS**

**Release**  
[www.release.org.uk](http://www.release.org.uk)

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Keeley League Meeting, Dwight, Illinois, 1891



# ADDICTION DEFINITION



- is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.



– (ASAM definition, Short Version)

# ADDICTION DEFINITION as of 11.2019

- *Addiction is a treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences.*
- *Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases.*

# RECOVERY from Mental Disorders and Substance Use Disorders defined

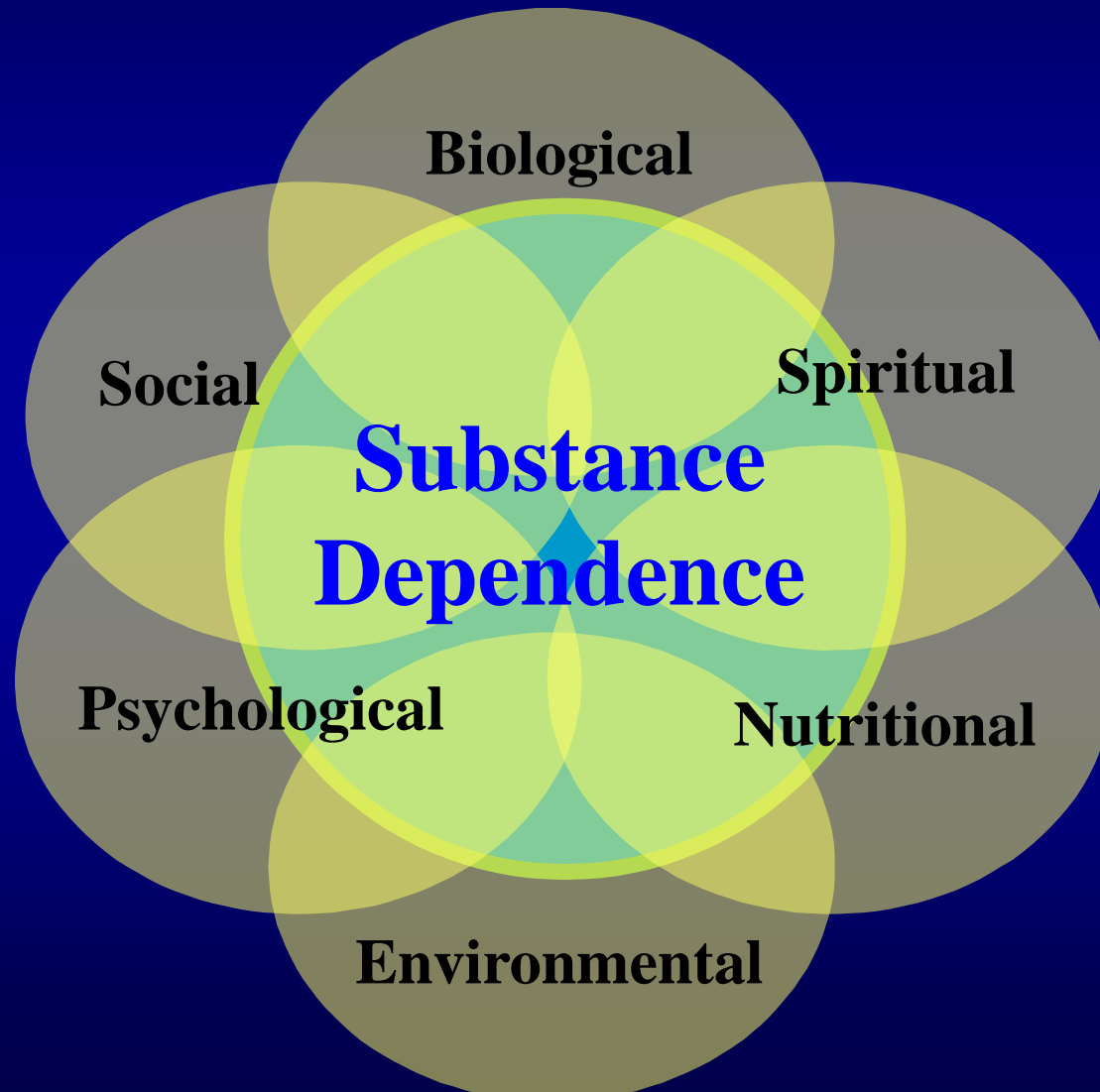
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

“Recovery from Mental Disorders and Substance Use Disorders” is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

- Health**: overcoming or managing one’s disease(s) as well as living in a physically and emotionally healthy way;
- Home**: a stable and safe place to live;
- Purpose**: meaningful daily activities, such as a job, school, volunteerism, family caretaking, or creative endeavors, and the independence, income and resources to participate in society; and
- Community**: relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope.

# Substance Dependence

## A Multifactorial Brain Disease

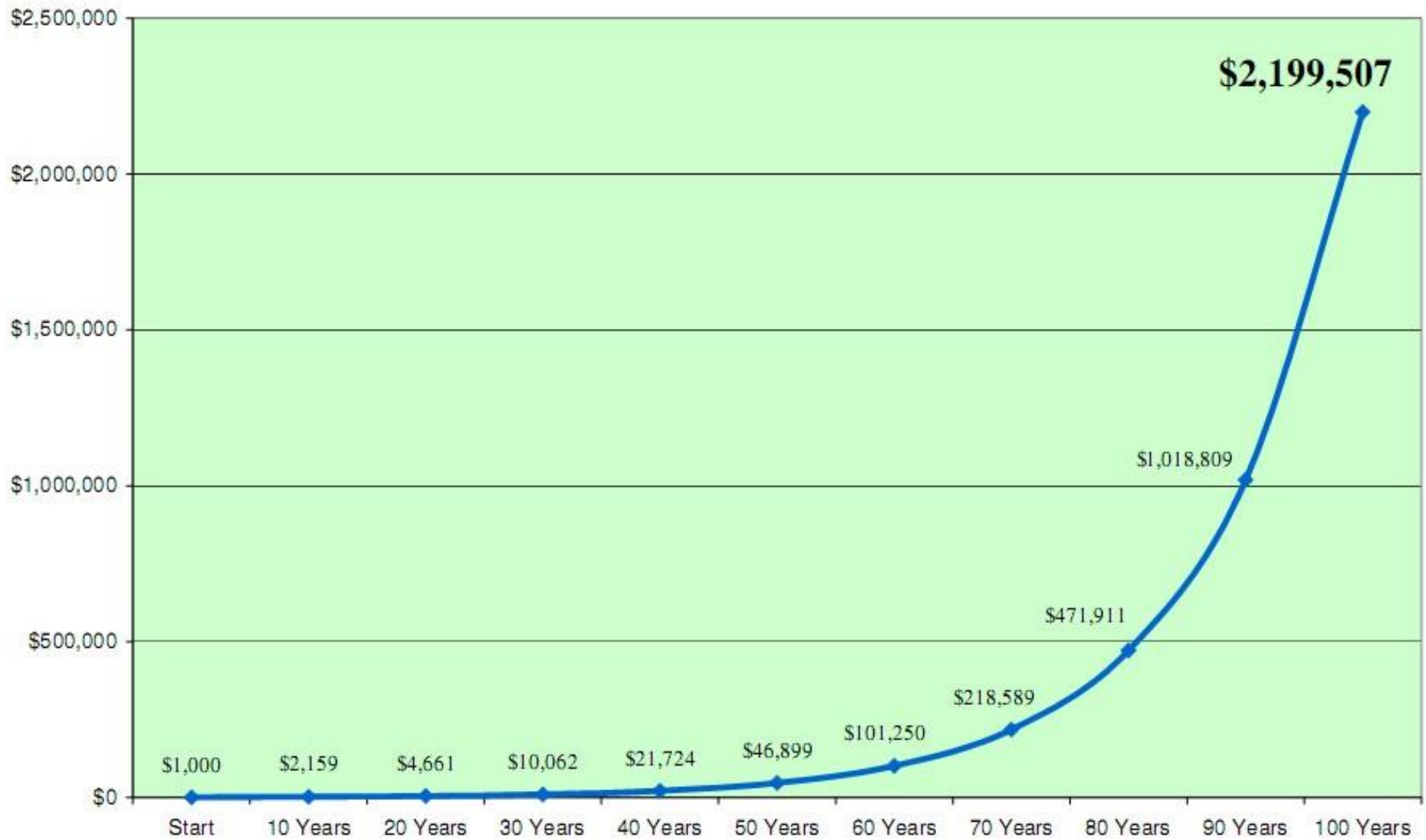




<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/seeking-drug-abuse-treatment/3-does-program-adapt-treatment-patients-needs-change>

## The Power of Compound Interest

\$1,000 Compounding at 8% Annually



## Dopamine Pathways

## Serotonin Pathways

Frontal cortex

Striatum

Substantia nigra

Nucleus accumbens

VTA

Hippocampus

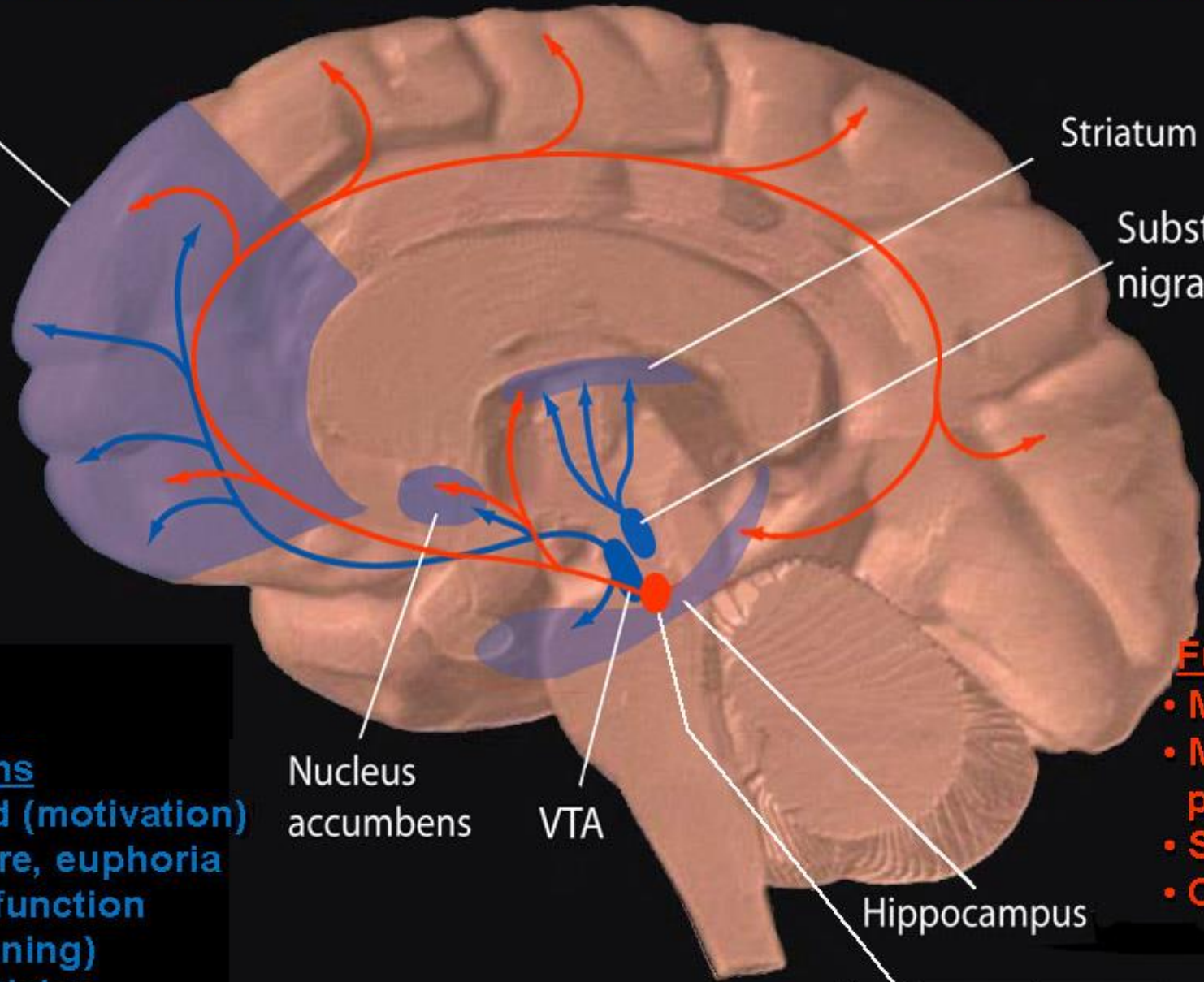
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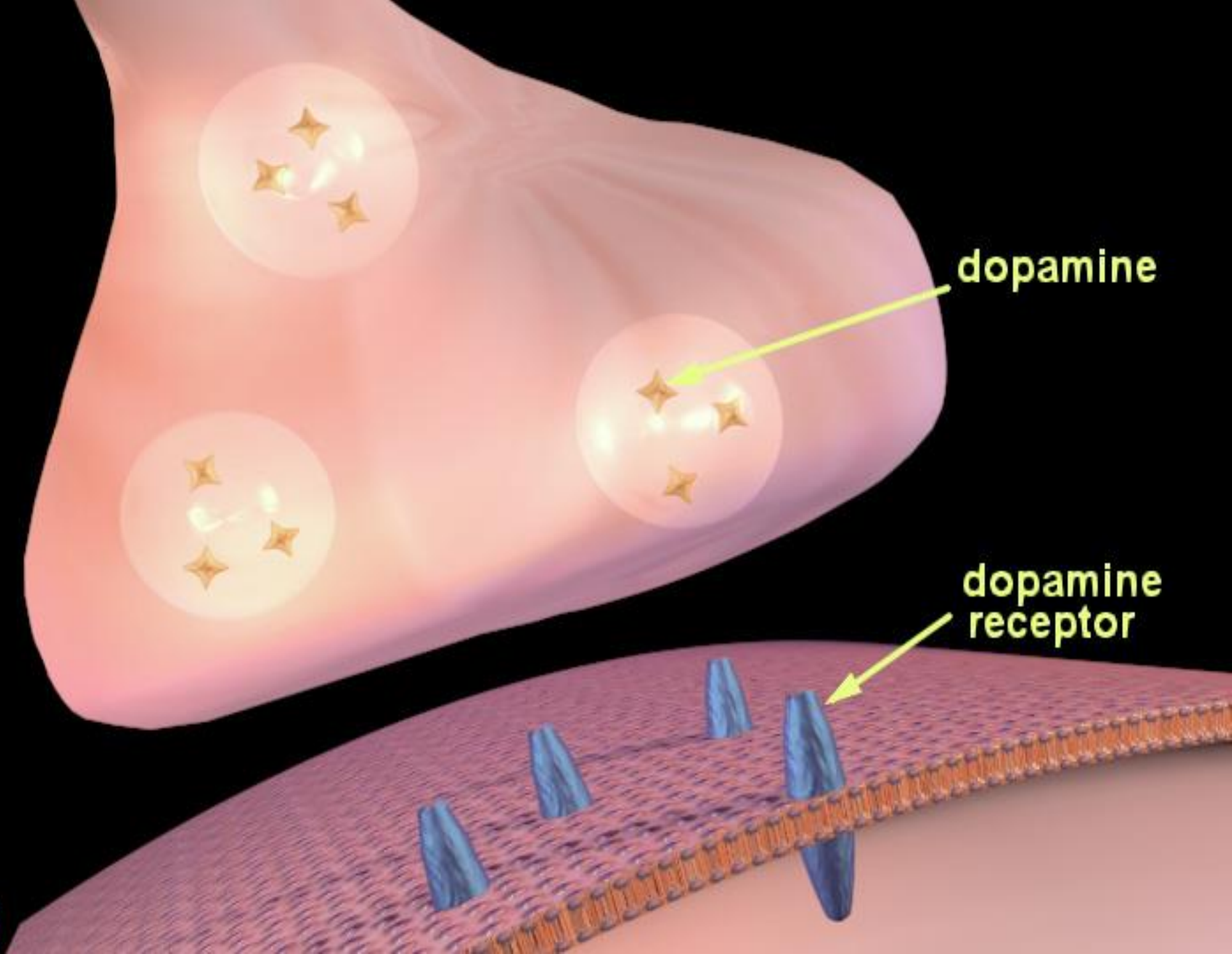
### Functions

- Reward (motivation)
- Pleasure, euphoria
- Motor function (fine tuning)
- Compulsion
- Perseveration

### Functions

- Mood
- Memory processing
- Sleep
- Cognition

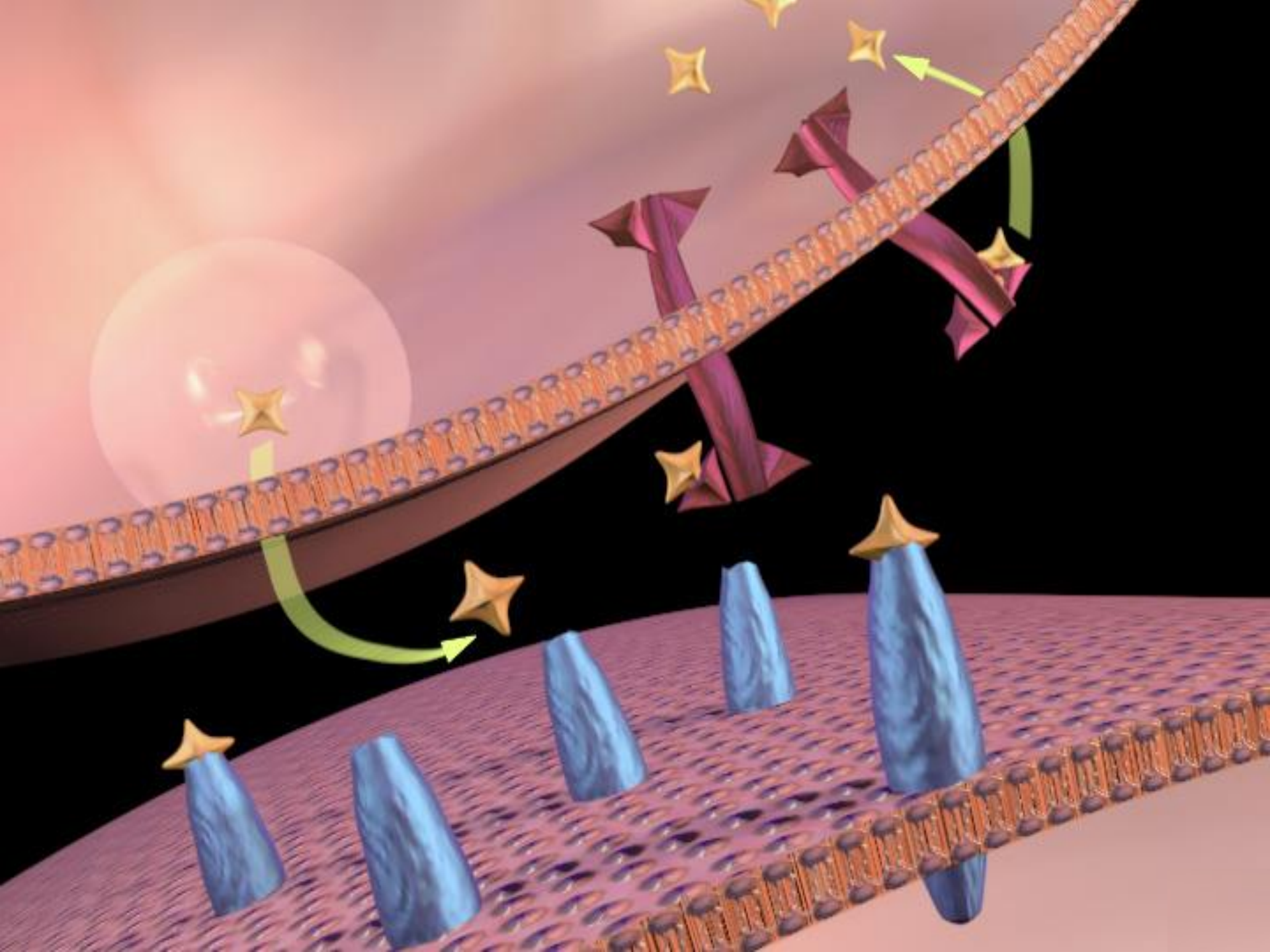




dopamine

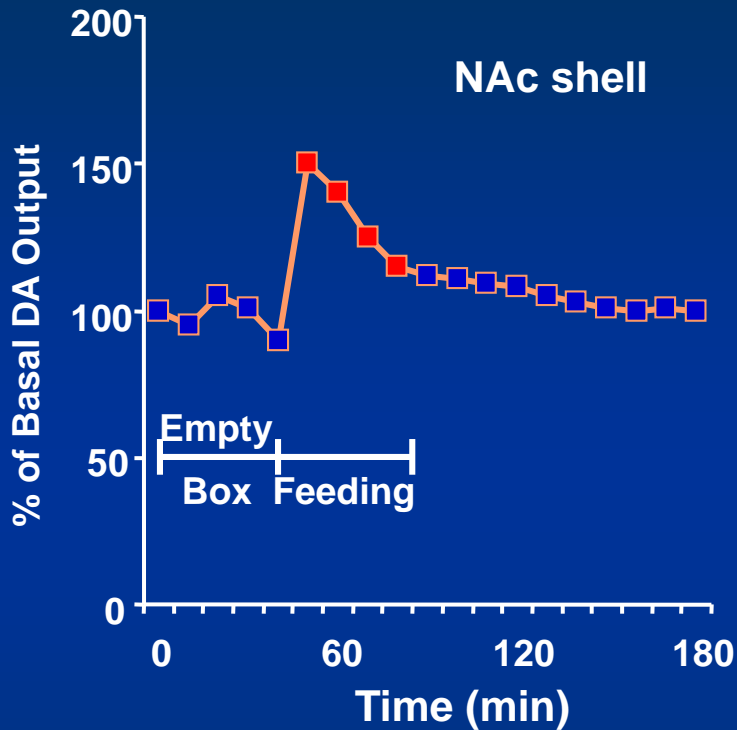
dopamine  
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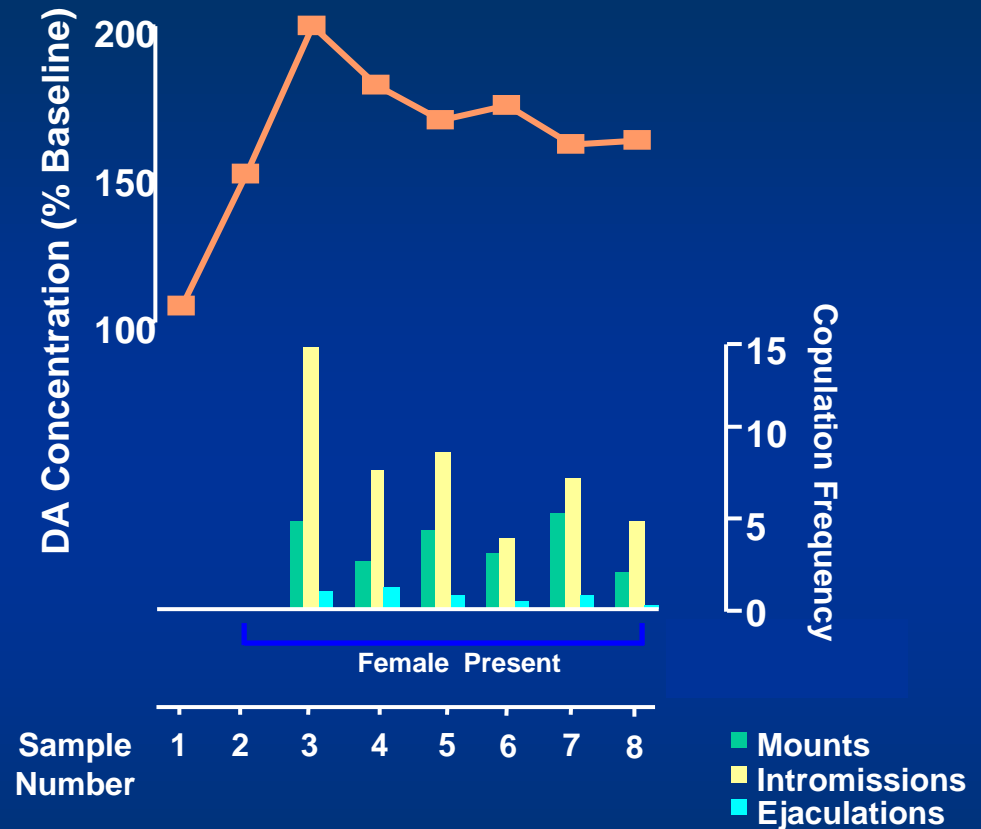
# Natural Rewards Elevate Dopamine Levels

## FOOD

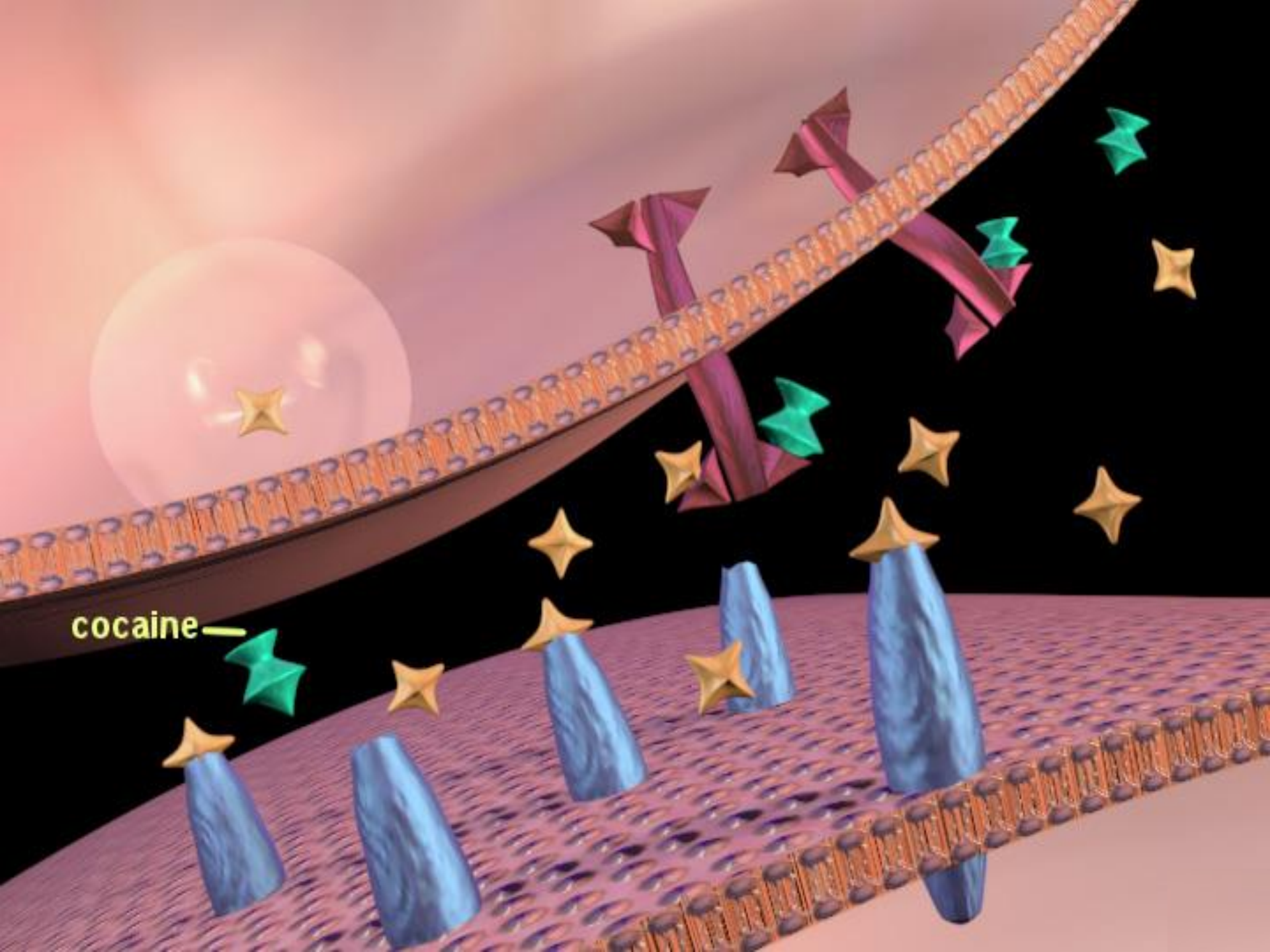


*Di Chiara et al., Neuroscience, 1999.*

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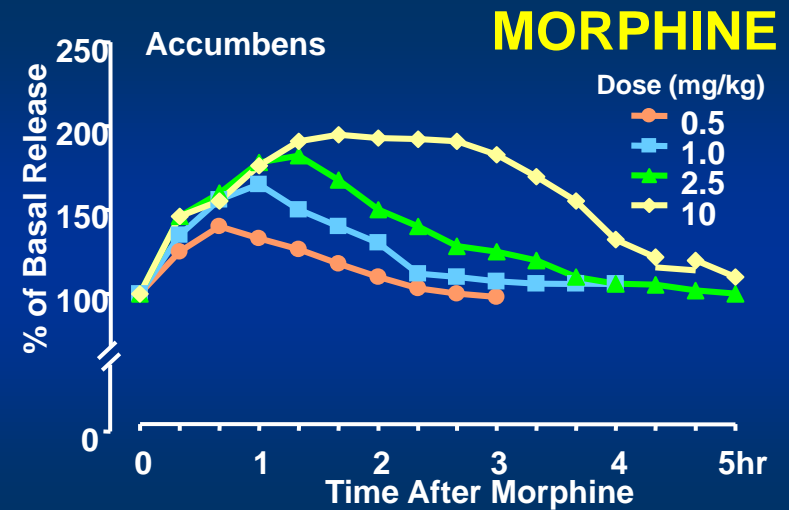
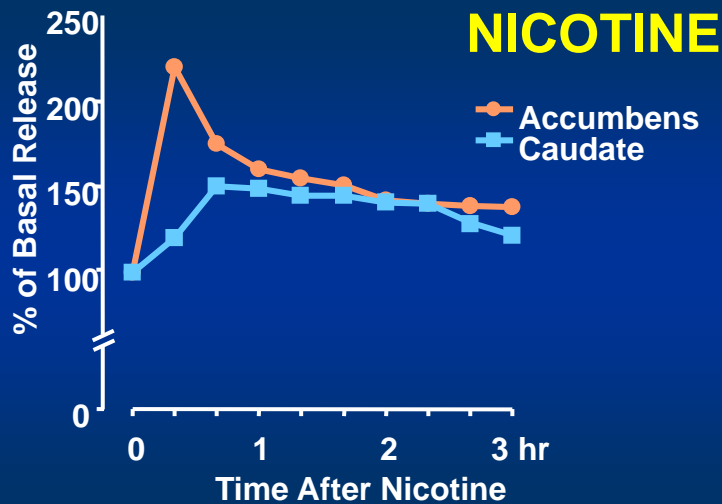
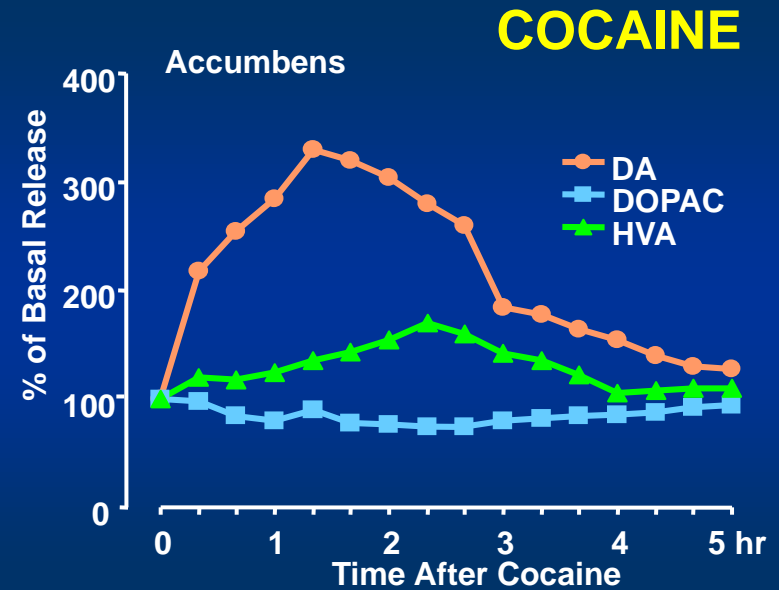
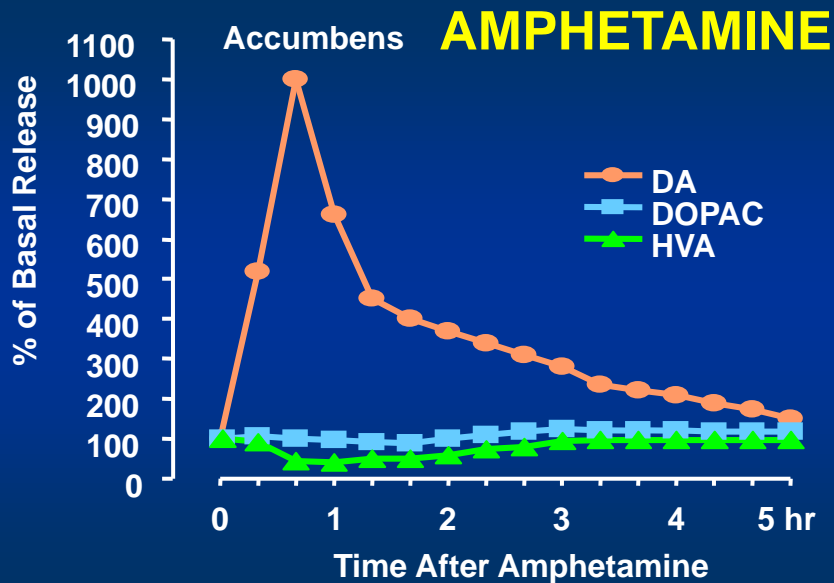


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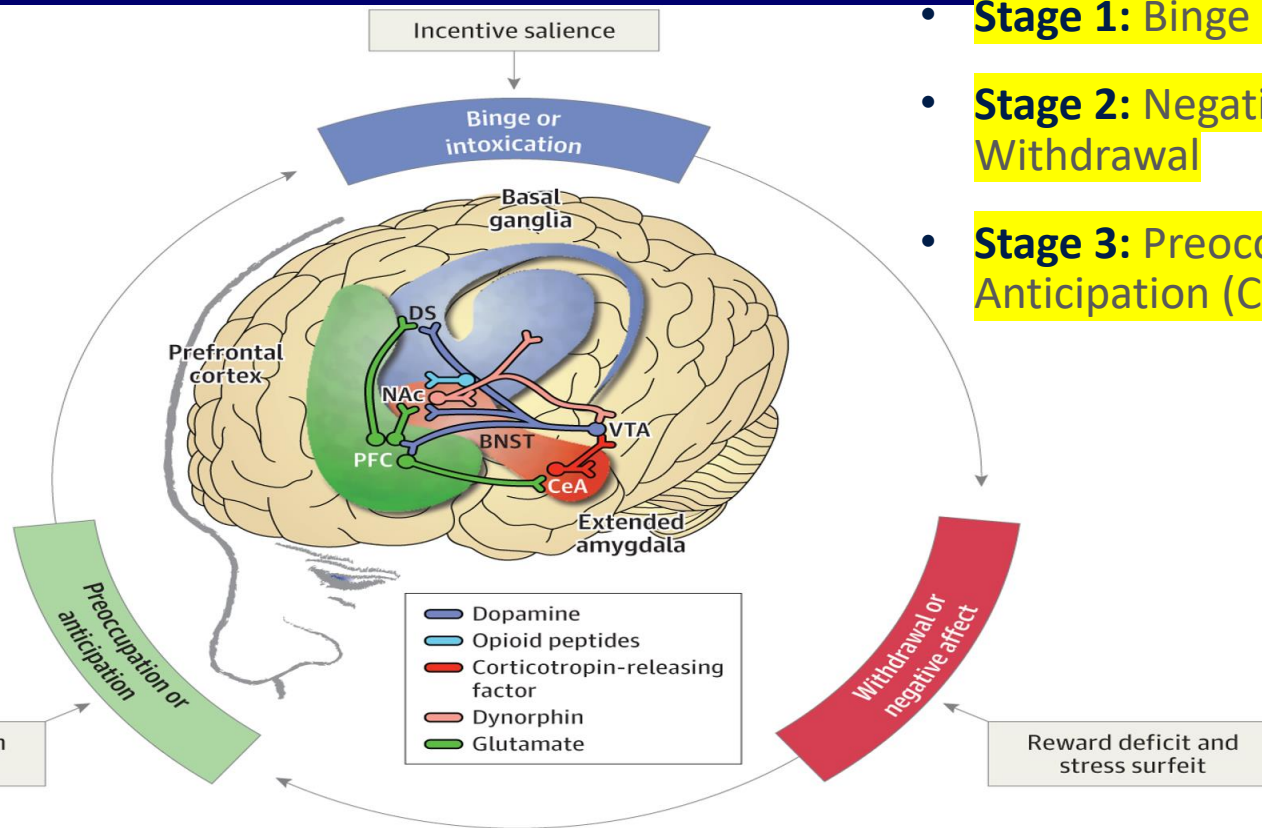


cocaine

# Effects of Drugs on Dopamine Release



# Three Stages of the Addiction Cycle and Associated Neural Circuits



- **Stage 1: Binge or Intoxication**
- **Stage 2: Negative Affect or Withdrawal**
- **Stage 3: Preoccupation or Anticipation (Craving)**

Volkow, N. D., Jones, E. B., Einstein, E. B., & Wargo, E. M. (2019). Prevention and treatment of opioid misuse and addiction: A review

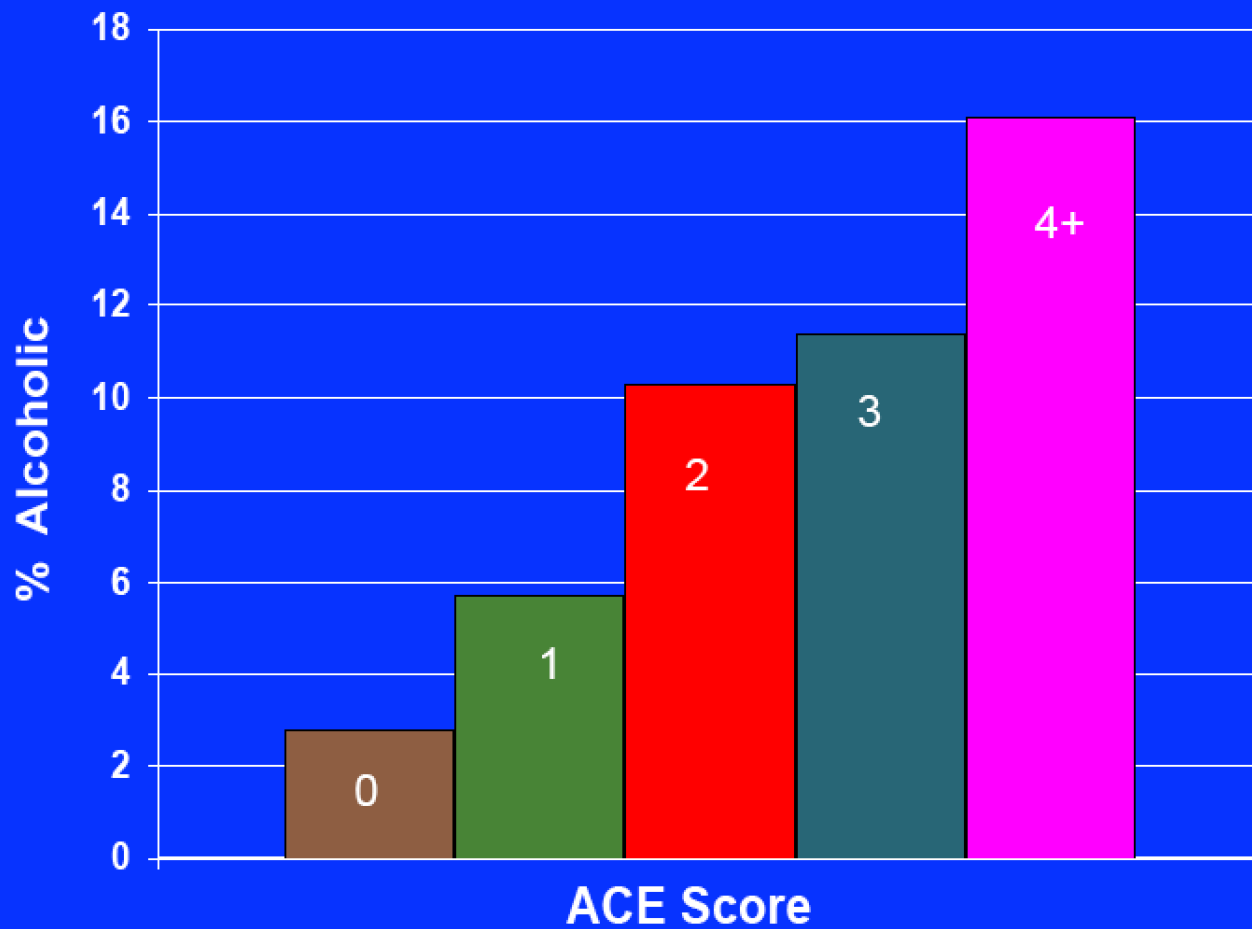
# Adverse Childhood Experiences [ACE] Study

Within First 18 Years of Life

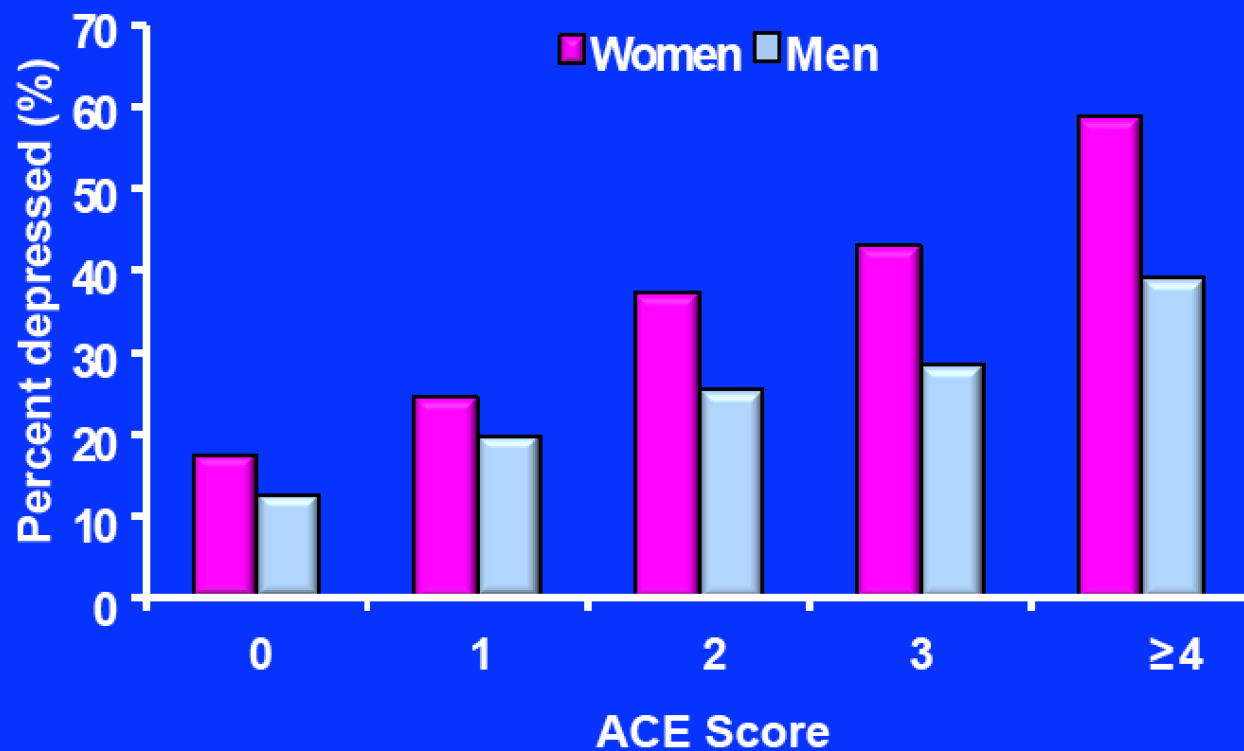
1. Emotional Abuse
2. Physical Abuse
3. Sexual Abuse
4. Emotional Neglect
5. Physical Neglect
6. Mother Treated Violently
7. Household Substance Abuse
8. Household Mental Illness/Suicide Attempt
9. Parental Separation/Divorce
10. Incarcerated Household Member



## Adverse Childhood Experiences & Adult Alcoholism

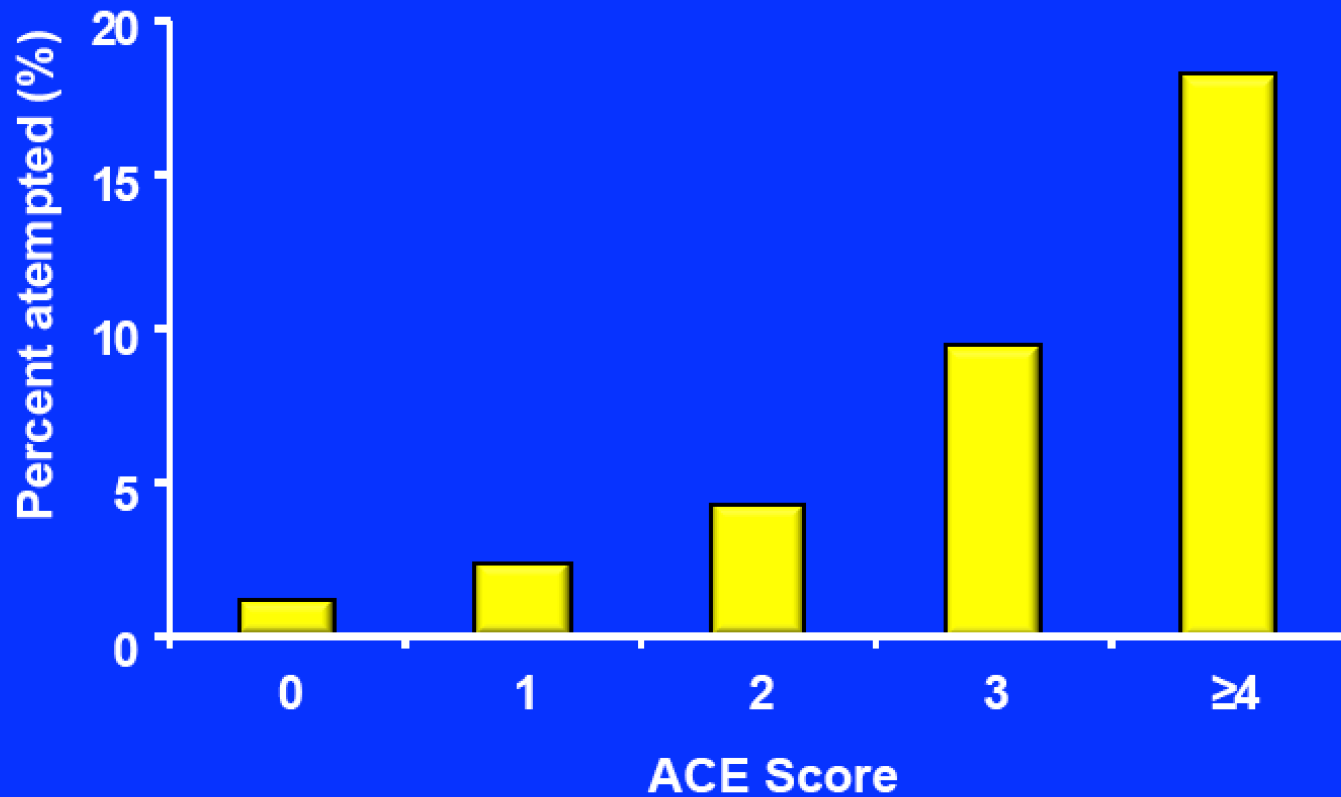


## ACE Score & Lifetime History of Depression

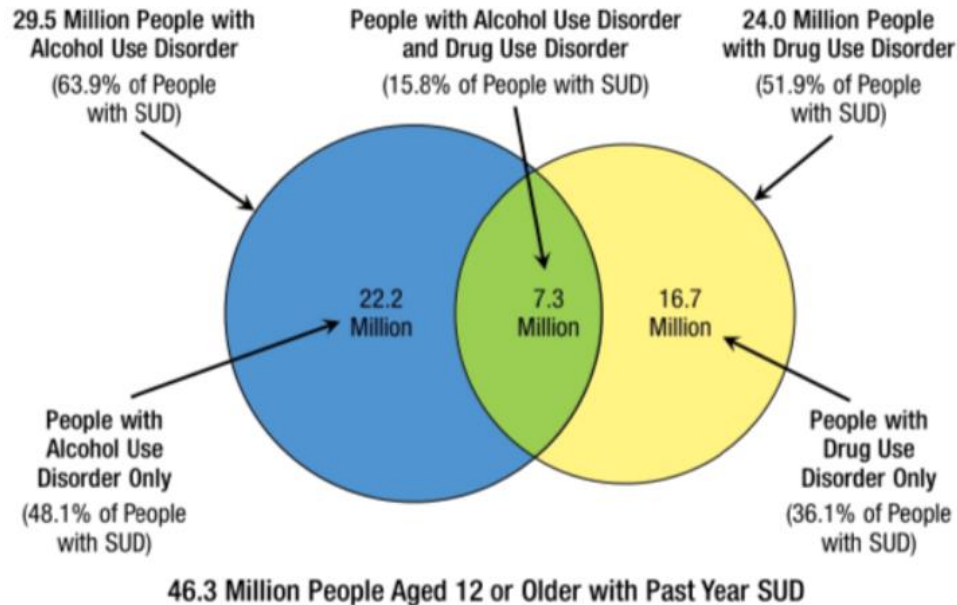




## ACE Score & Prevalence of Attempted Suicide



## Alcohol Use Disorder and Drug Use Disorder in the Past Year: Among People Aged 12 or Older with a Past Year Substance Use Disorder (SUD); 2021



Note: Drug Use Disorder includes data from all past year users of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, methamphetamine, and prescription psychotherapeutic drugs (i.e., pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives).

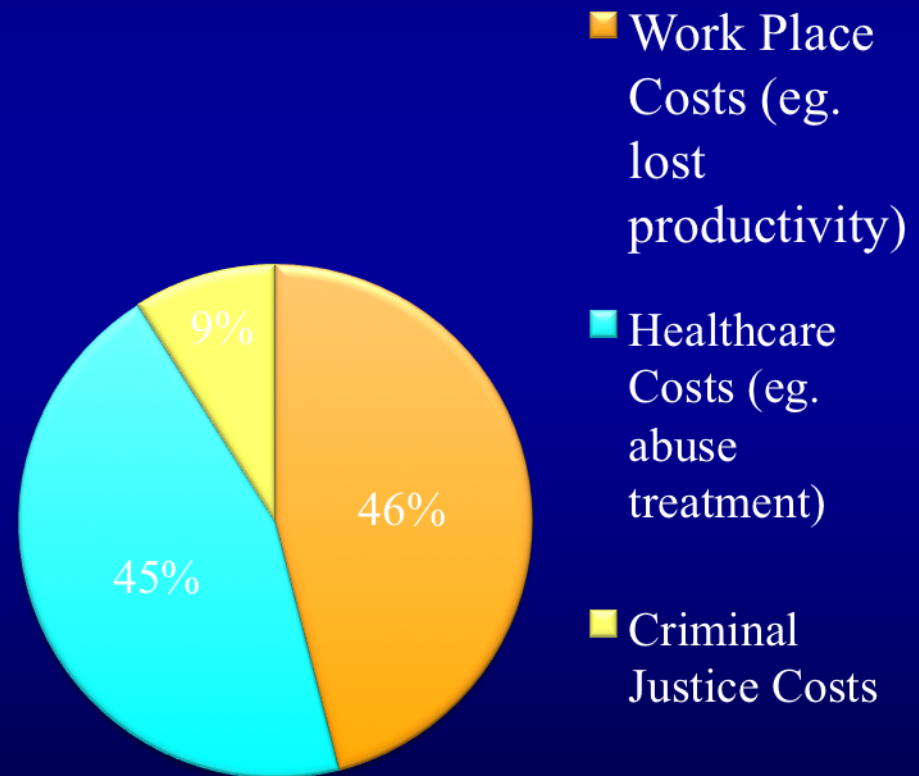
# RAPID Sample

- ◆ 75% self-report they used opioids to self-medicate psychiatric related issues.
- ◆ 85% self-report the use of opioids to “escape from life”.
- ◆ No difference between those who started using from a doctor’s prescription and those who experimented.

# Massive National Problem

- In 2013, opioid use increased globally, while the main increase is in the United States with an estimated cost of \$55.7 billion<sup>1</sup>
  - Past year illicit drug use in the United States is the highest it has been in 10 years
  - Treatment admissions for opiates other than heroin now surpasses treatment admissions for cocaine and methamphetamine

## Breakdown of \$55.7 Billion in Prescription Opioid Abuse Costs



Adapting a methodology used by the CDC to estimate the cost of the opioid epidemic in 2017, the JEC estimates the opioid epidemic cost

\$1.04 trillion in 2018

\$985 billion in 2019

nearly \$1.5 trillion in 2020.

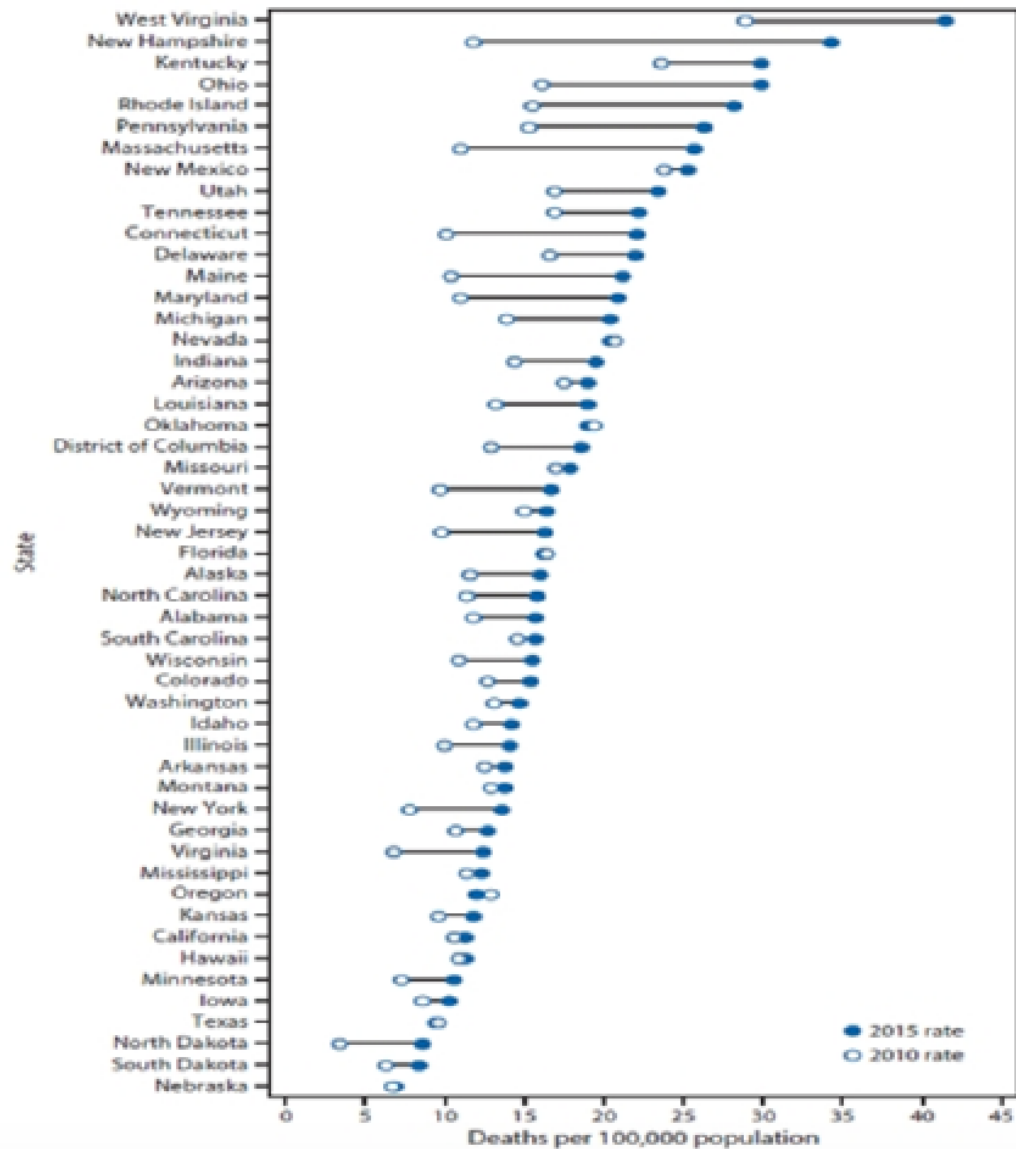
The rise in fatal opioid overdoses in 2021 suggests the total cost is likely to continue to increase. Sep 28, 2022

<https://beyer.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=5684>

# RECENT TRENDS

- Drug Overdose Deaths in the U.S. Top 100,000 Annually
- Life Expectancy in the U.S. Declined a Year and Half in 2020
  - The drop in life expectancy in 2020 was the largest one-year decline since World War II

# Variation in Trends of Fatal Drug Overdoses across States, 2010–2015





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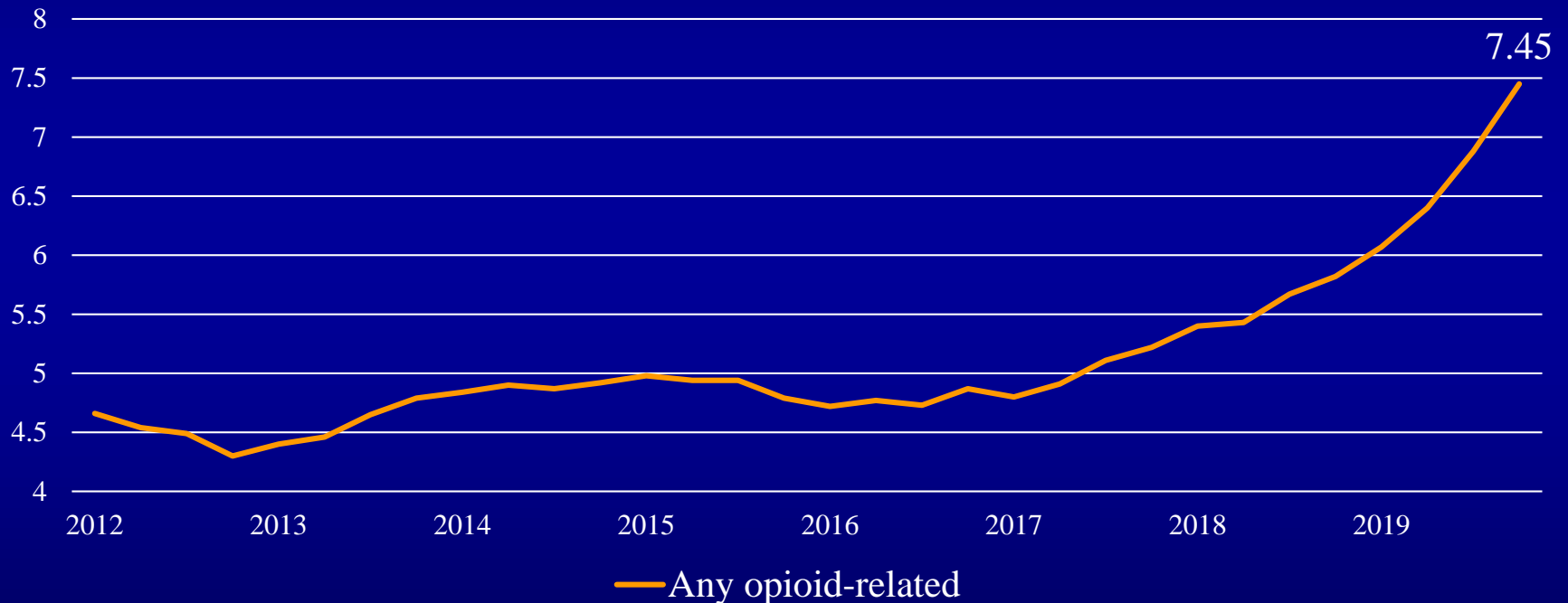
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# California Opioid Overdose Death Rate

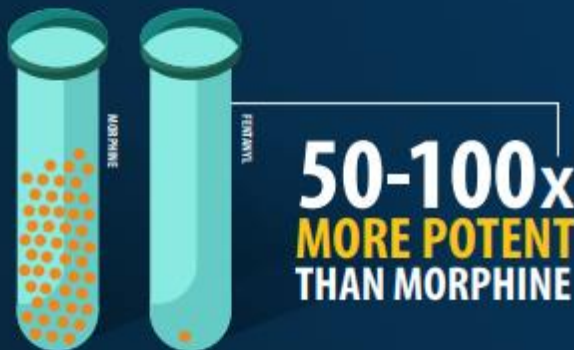
12-month moving average (per 100,000 residents)



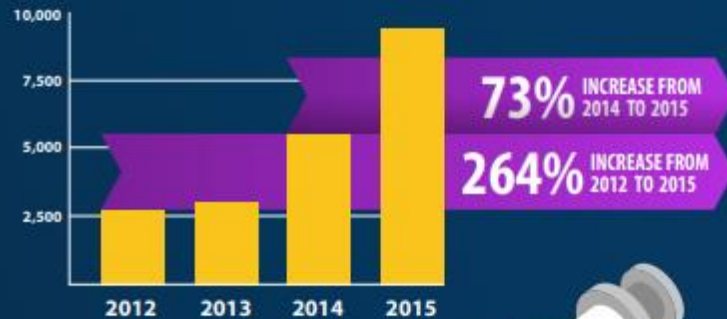
Data Source: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Safe and Active Communities Branch (2020). California Opioid Surveillance Dashboard.  
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# FENTANYL: Overdoses On The Rise

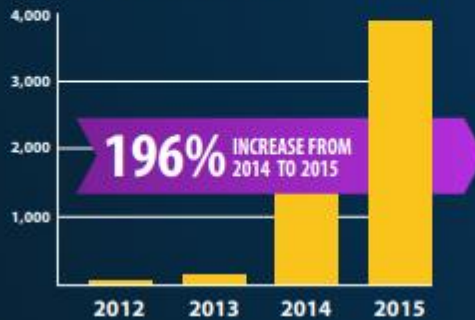
**Fentanyl** is a synthetic opioid approved for treating severe pain, such as advanced cancer pain. **Illicitly manufactured fentanyl** is the main driver of recent increases in synthetic opioid deaths.



## SYNTHETIC OPIOID DEATHS ACROSS THE U.S.



## Ohio Drug Submissions Testing Positive for Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl

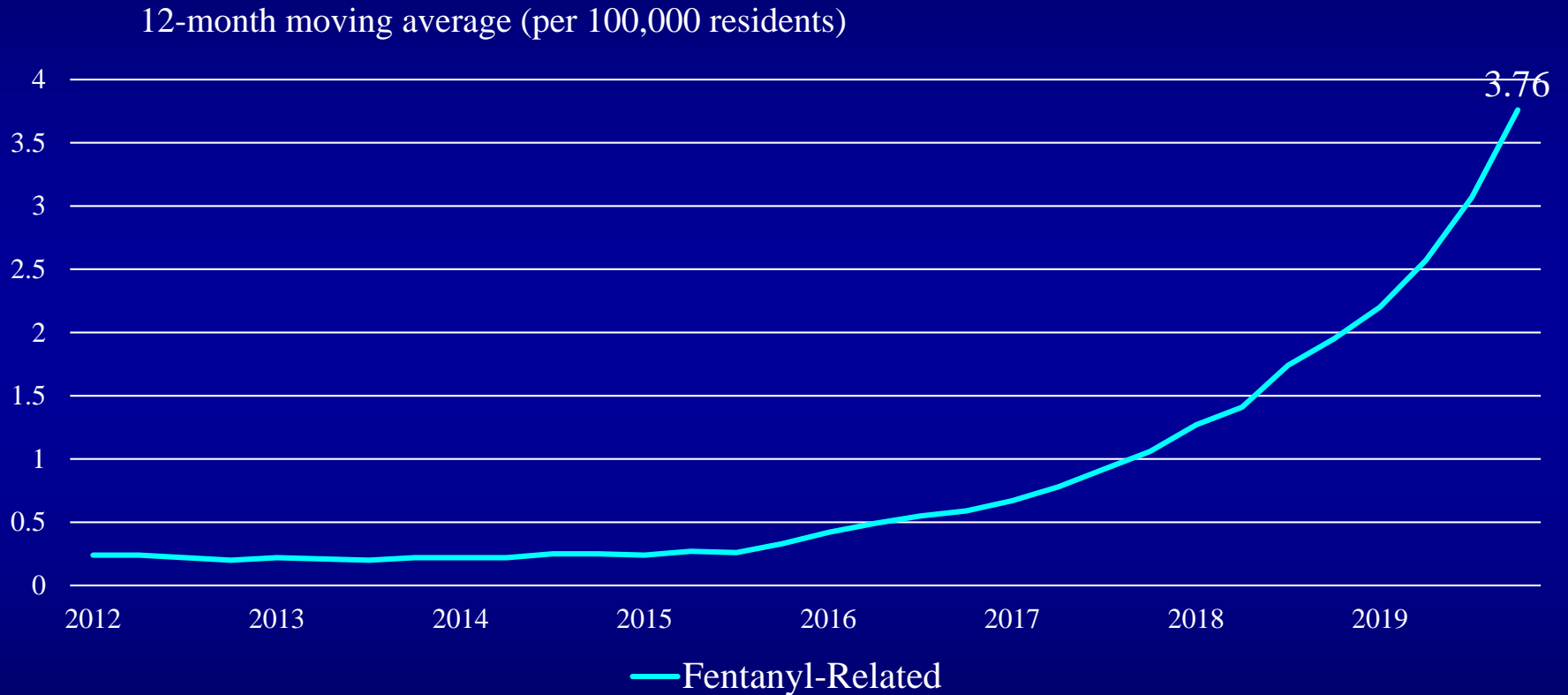


## ILLICITLY MANUFACTURED FENTANYL

Although **prescription rates** have fallen, **overdoses associated with fentanyl** have risen dramatically, contributing to a sharp spike in synthetic opioid deaths.



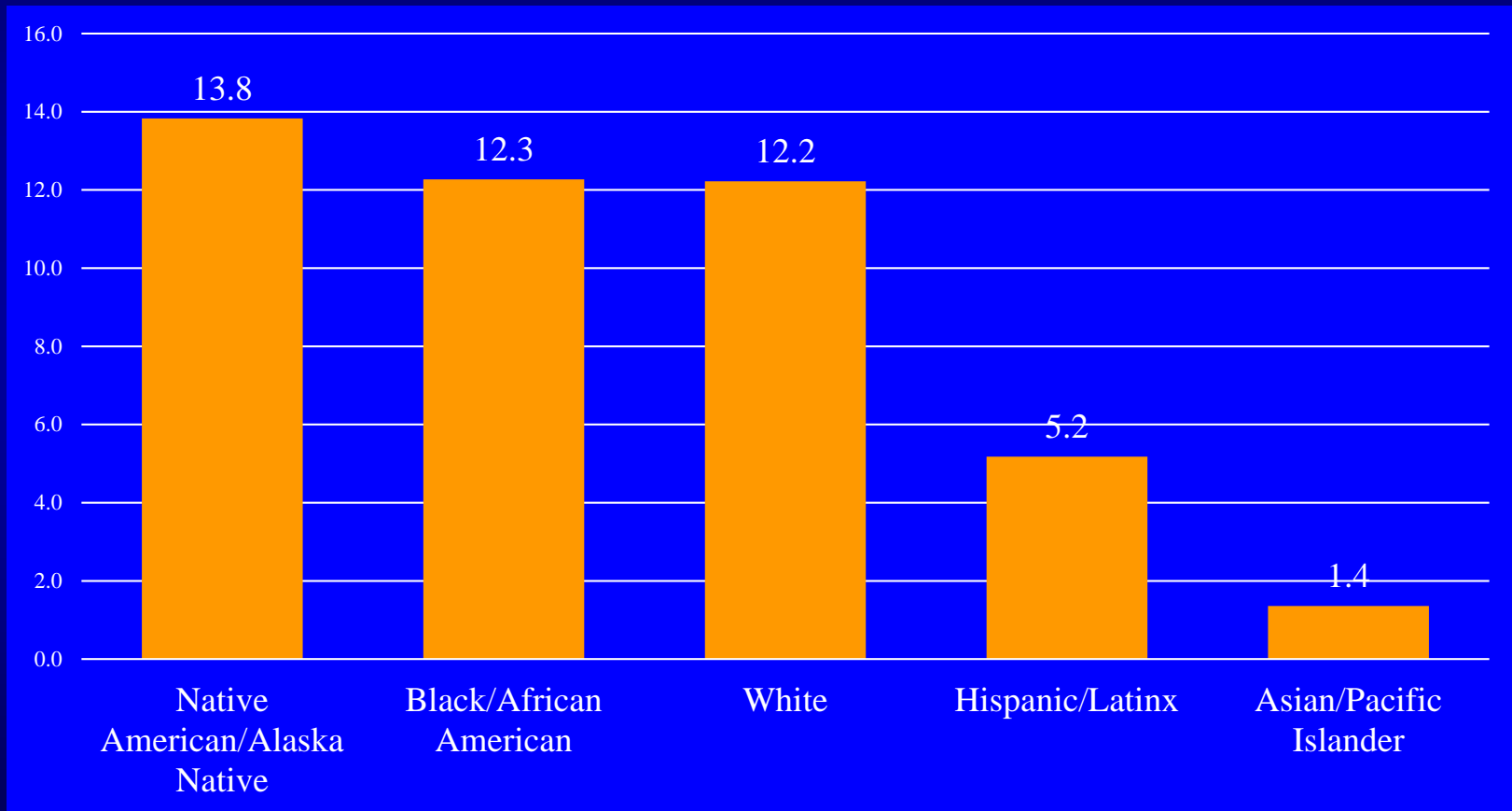
# Fentanyl-Related Overdose Death Rate



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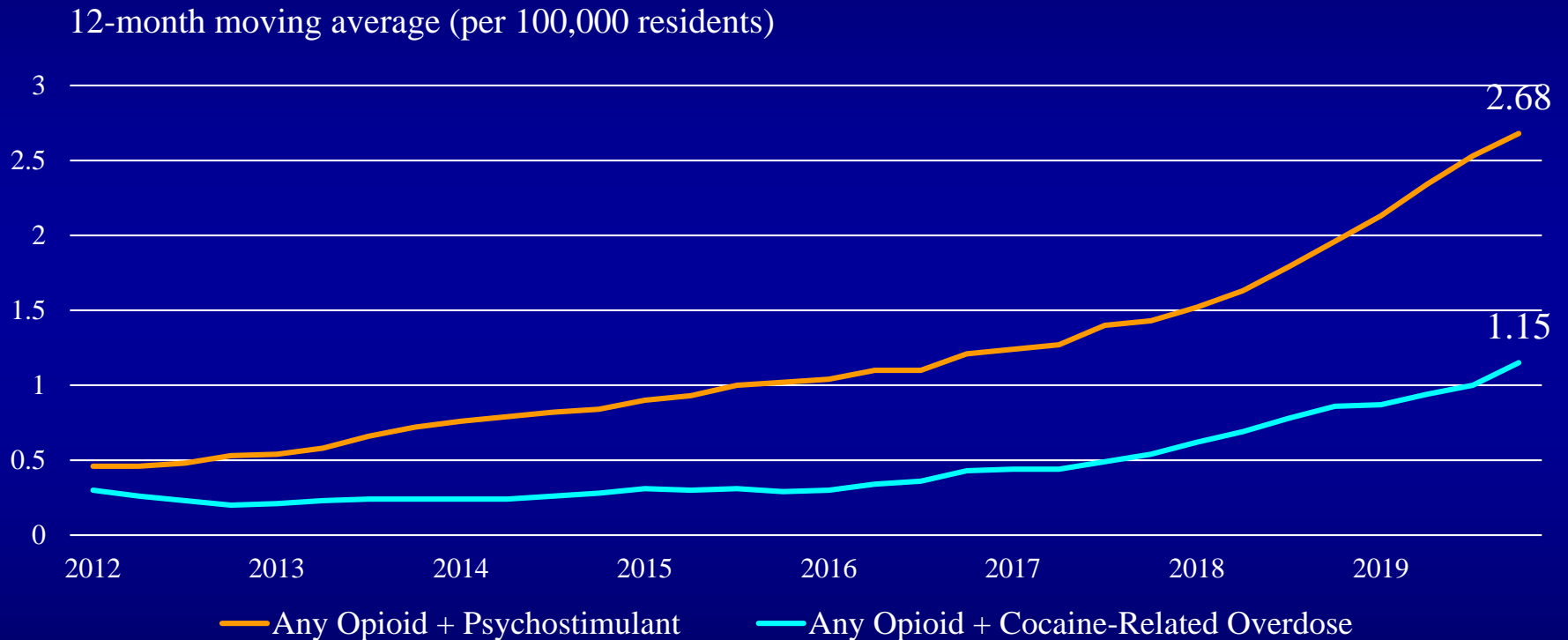
# Opioid Overdose Death Rates by Race / Ethnicity

2019 crude rate per 100,000 residents



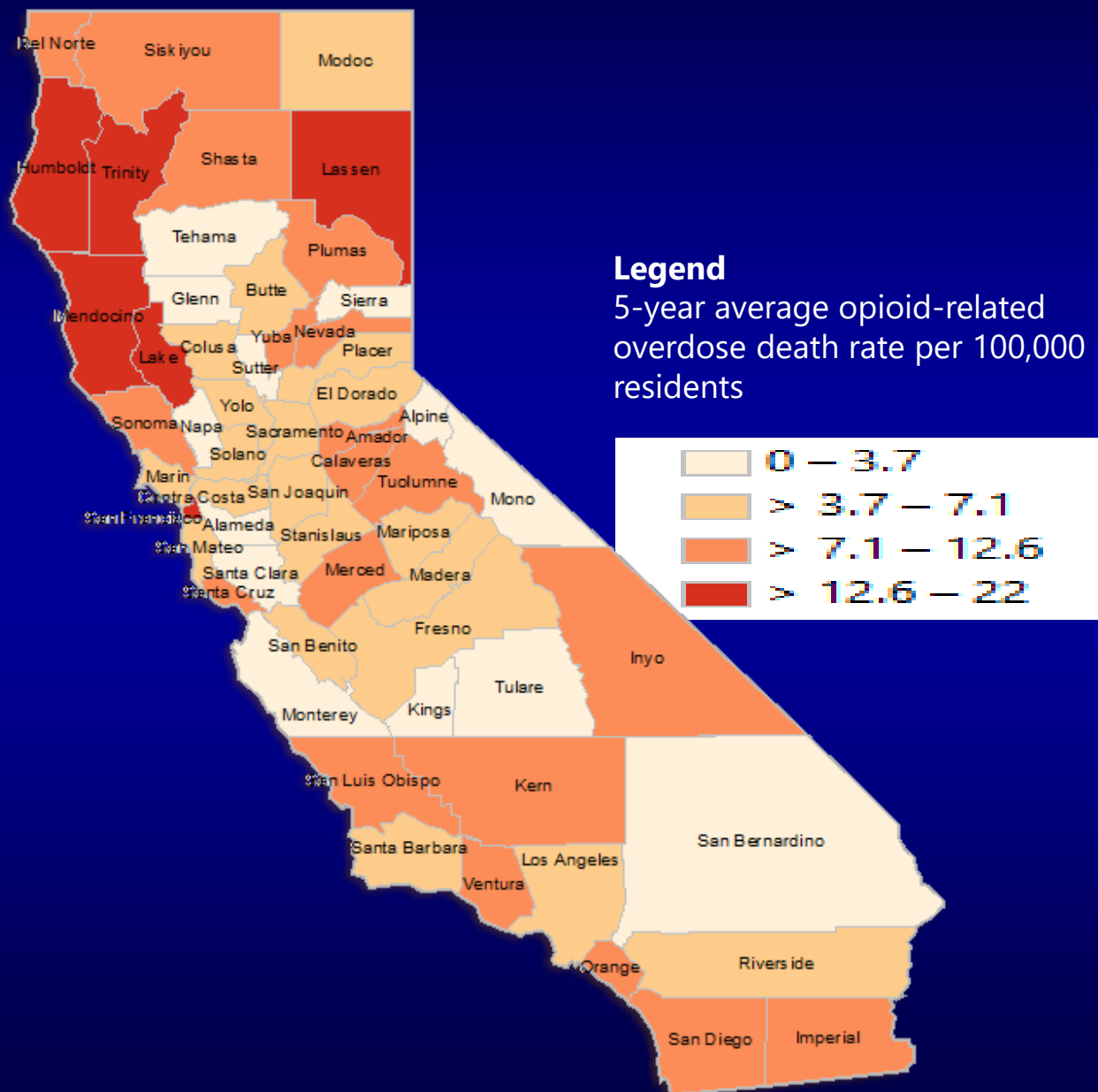
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# Overdose Death Rates: Opioids + Stimulants

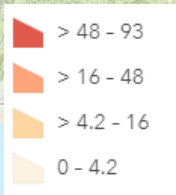


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# Opioid Overdose Death Rates by County

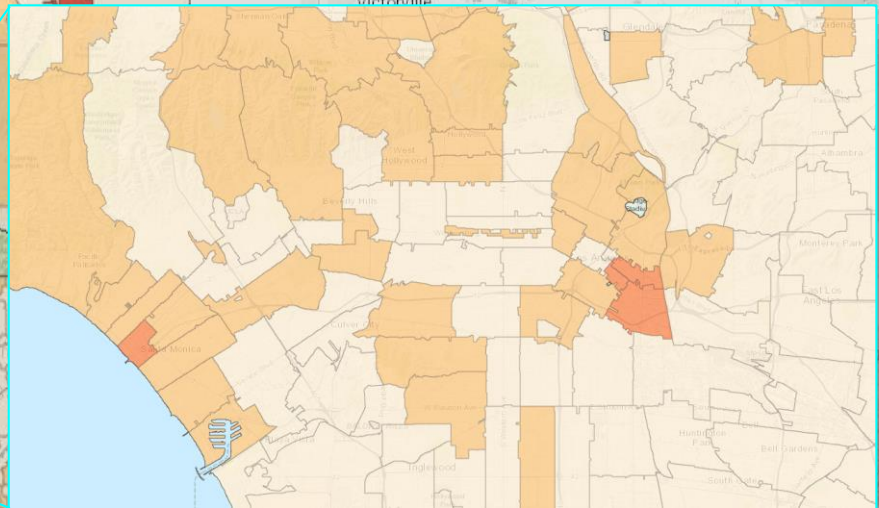
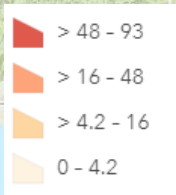


# Los Angeles County 5-Year Rates



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Fatal dose of fentanyl  
(2 mg or 2000 mcg)



Fatal dose of carfentanil  
(0.02 mg or 20 mcg)

# Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

- MAT is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

<http://www.dpt.samhsa.gov/patients/mat.aspx>

## MAT (cont.)

- Research shows that when treating substance-use disorders, a combination of medication and behavioral therapies is most successful.
- MAT is clinically driven with a focus on individualized patient care.

# MEDICATION ASSISTED ADDICTION TREATMENT

“All Treatments Work For **Some** People/Patients”

“**No One** Treatment Works for **All** People/Patients”

-Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D  
Former Director NIDA

“Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

-George Santayana 1863-1952

# The Business Case for MAT

- *The estimated expense to society of opioid addiction nears \$20 billion annually*
- *The cost of treating an individual addicted to opioids is only \$4,000 per year.*
- *If every opioid-dependent person in the United States received treatment, \$16 billion would be saved every year.*

“Methadone Maintenance and Other Pharmacotherapeutic Interventions in the Treatment of Opioid Addiction.” April 2002, Vol. III, No. 1

# WHO published best practice guidelines favor MAT

**WHO** – *Substitution Maintenance Therapy in the Mgmt of Opioid Dep. and HIV/AIDS Prevention*. 2004.

**WHO** – *Access to Controlled Meds Programme* 2007.

**WHO** – *Principles of Drug Dependence Treatment*. 2008.

**WHO** – *Guidelines for the Psychosocially Assisted Pharmacological Treatment of Opioid Dependence* .2009.

**WHO** – *Tech Guide for Countries to Set Targets for Universal Access to HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care for Injecting Drug Users (IDUs)*. 2009

Reshevskia, I., K. Foreit, K. Beardsley, and L. Porter. 2010. *Policy Advocacy Toolkit for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Drug Dependence*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1.

# MAT Evidence: when part of a comprehensive program shown to

- Improve outcomes
- Increase retention in treatment
- Decrease illicit opiate use
- Decrease hepatitis and HIV infections
- Decrease criminal activities
- Increase employment
- Improve birth outcomes for patients<sup>2</sup>

– <http://www.dpt.samhsa.gov/patients/mat.aspx>

# FDA Approved Medications

## OPIATE USE DISORDER

- methadone, ® Dolophine
- Buprenorphine sl, Subutex®
- Buprenorphine/naloxone sl, Suboxone®, Zubsolv®
- Buprenorphine subdermal: Sublocade®, Brixadi®
- Oral Naltrexone, ReVia®, Depade®
- Long acting depot Naltrexone, VIVITROL®



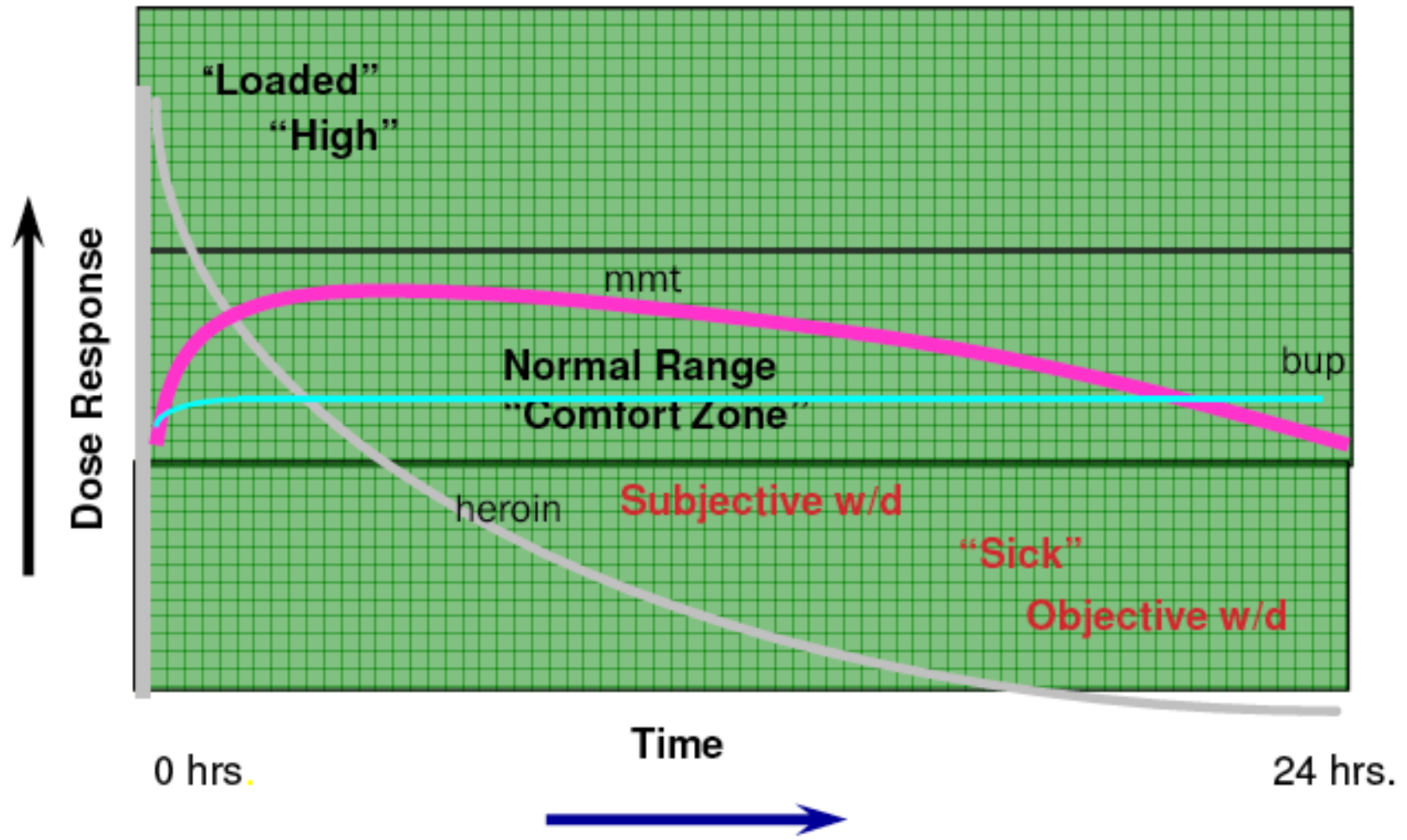
# Methadone, ®Dolophine

- **Mechanism of Action**
  - binds to various opioid receptors, (full opioid agonist)
- **Cost**
  - “pennies per day”

# Full Agonists for Opiate Dependence

- METHADONE
  - Long acting opiate agonist
  - Combats withdraw and craving
  - must be dosed in NTPs, daily dosing mandatory until patient stable...months
  - Outpatient treatment after patient considered very low risk....years
- LAAM: longer acting (dose 3 X a week)
  - NO LONGER AVAILABLE:poor cost/profit ratio, and potential for increased QT intervals

# Methadone Simulated 24 Hr. Dose/Response At steady-state in tolerant patient

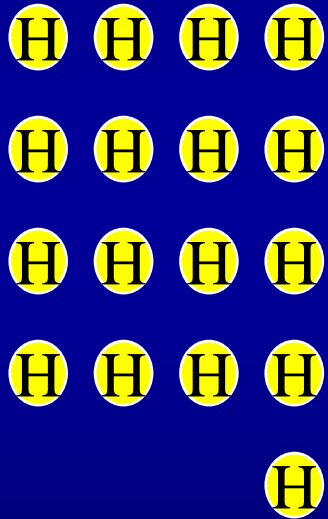


# Methadone Effectiveness

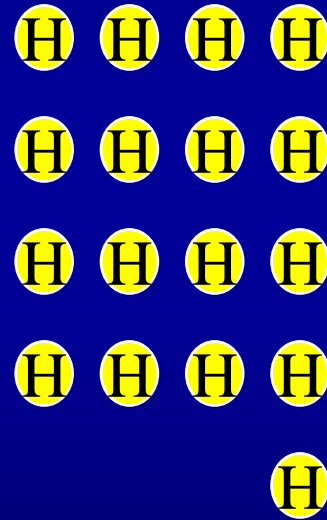
Gunne & Gronbladh, 1984

## Baseline

Methadone



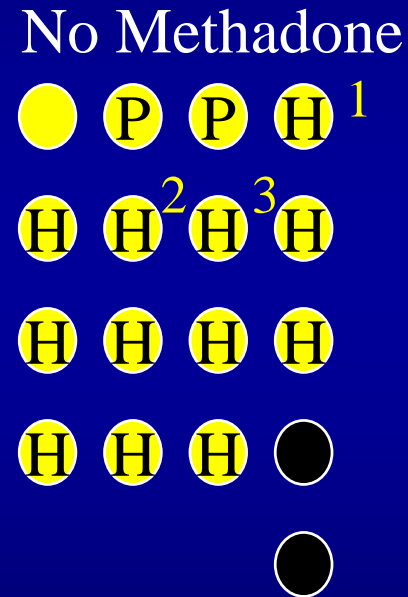
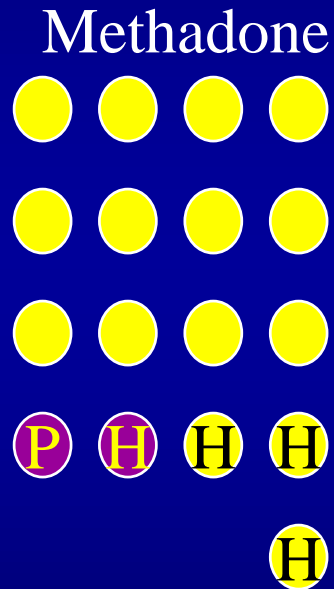
Regular Outpatient



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After 2 Years

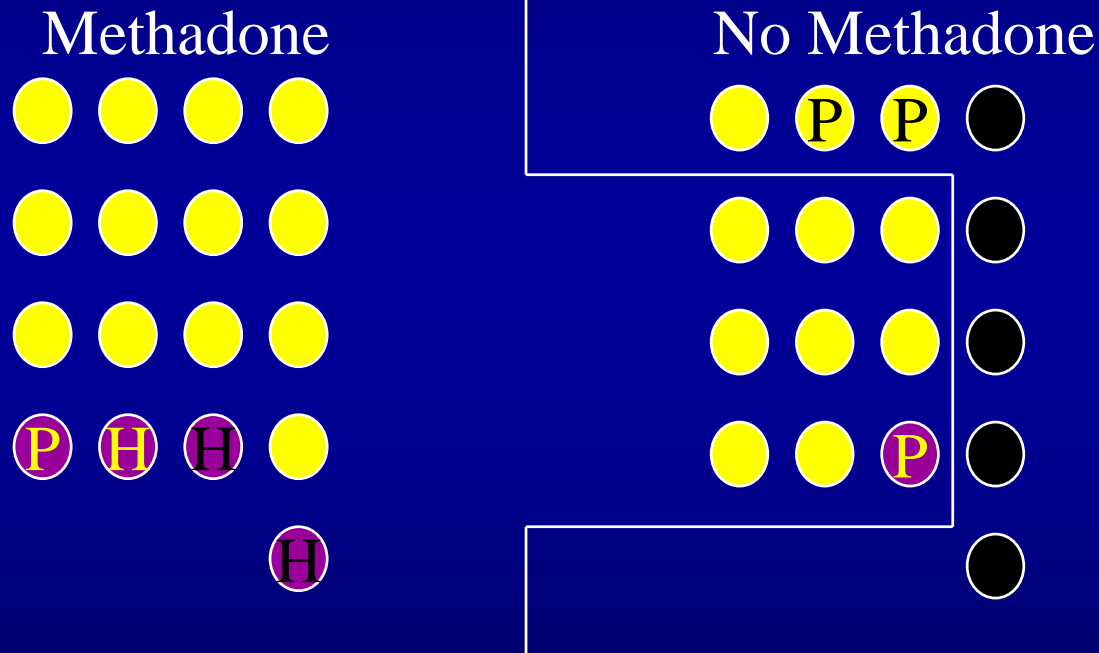


- 1- Sepsis & endocarditis
- 2- Leg amputation
- 3- Sepsis

# Methadone Effectiveness

Gunne & Gronbladh, 1984

After 5 Years



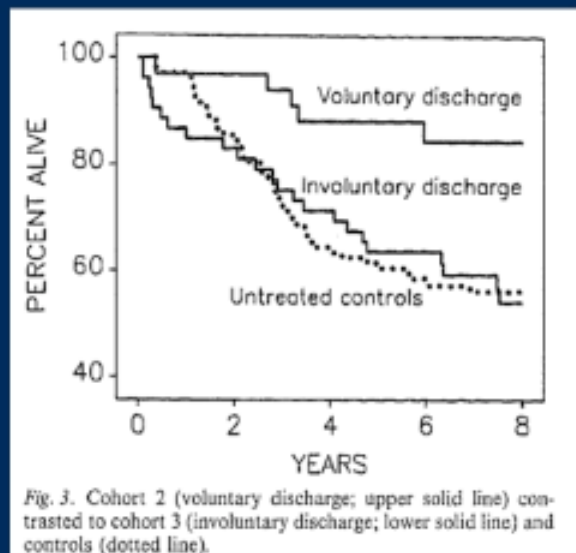
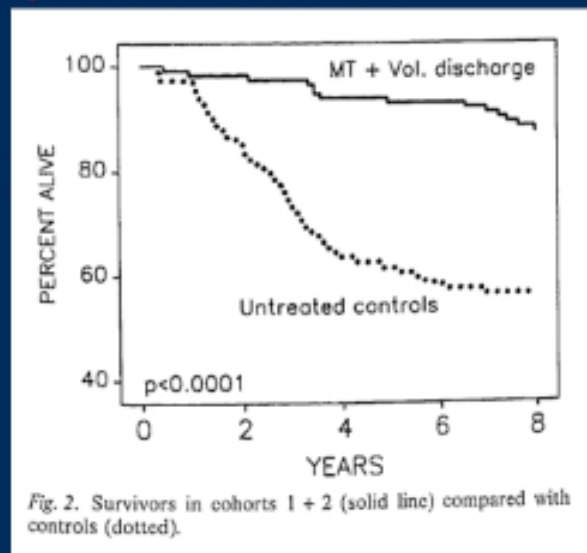
# Mortality in heroin addiction: impact of methadone treatment

Grönbladh L, Öhlund L.S, Gunne L.M. Mortality in heroin addiction: impact of methadone treatment. Acta Psychiatr Scand 1990; 82: 223-227.

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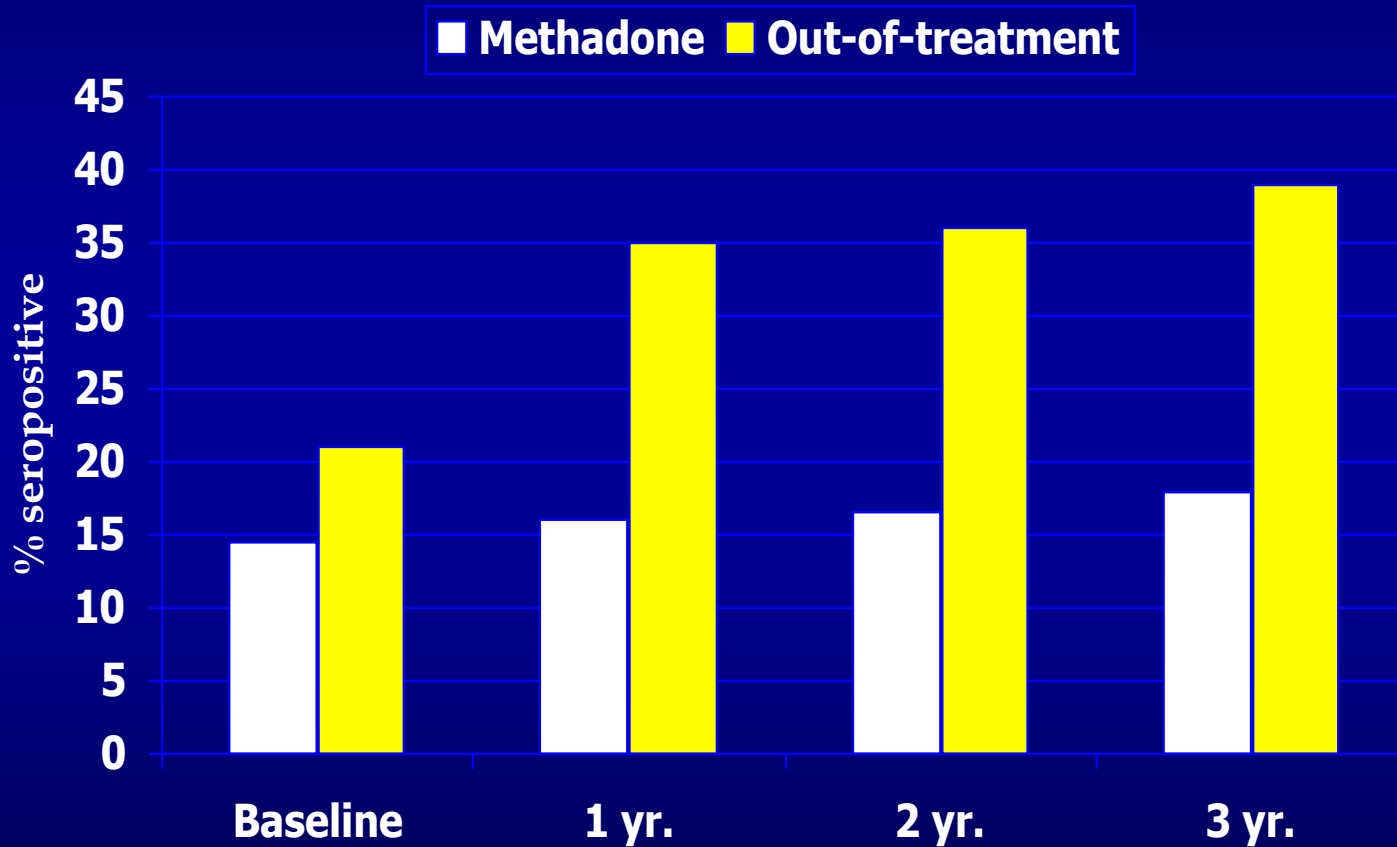
1979-1984; NO Admit to MMTP

Yearly Death Rates: IV ODs  
MT=1.4, VD=1.7,  
ID=6.91, UC=7.2



# Methadone Treatment Decreases HIV Seroincidence

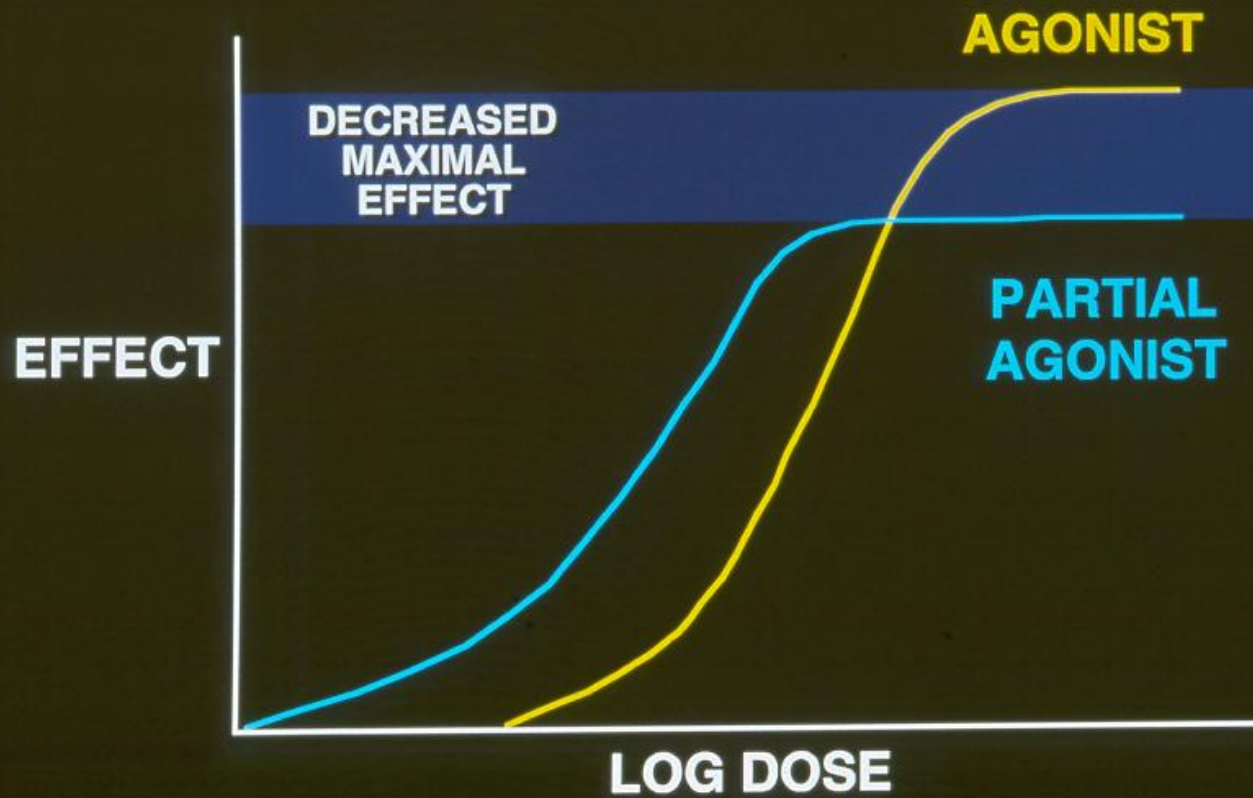
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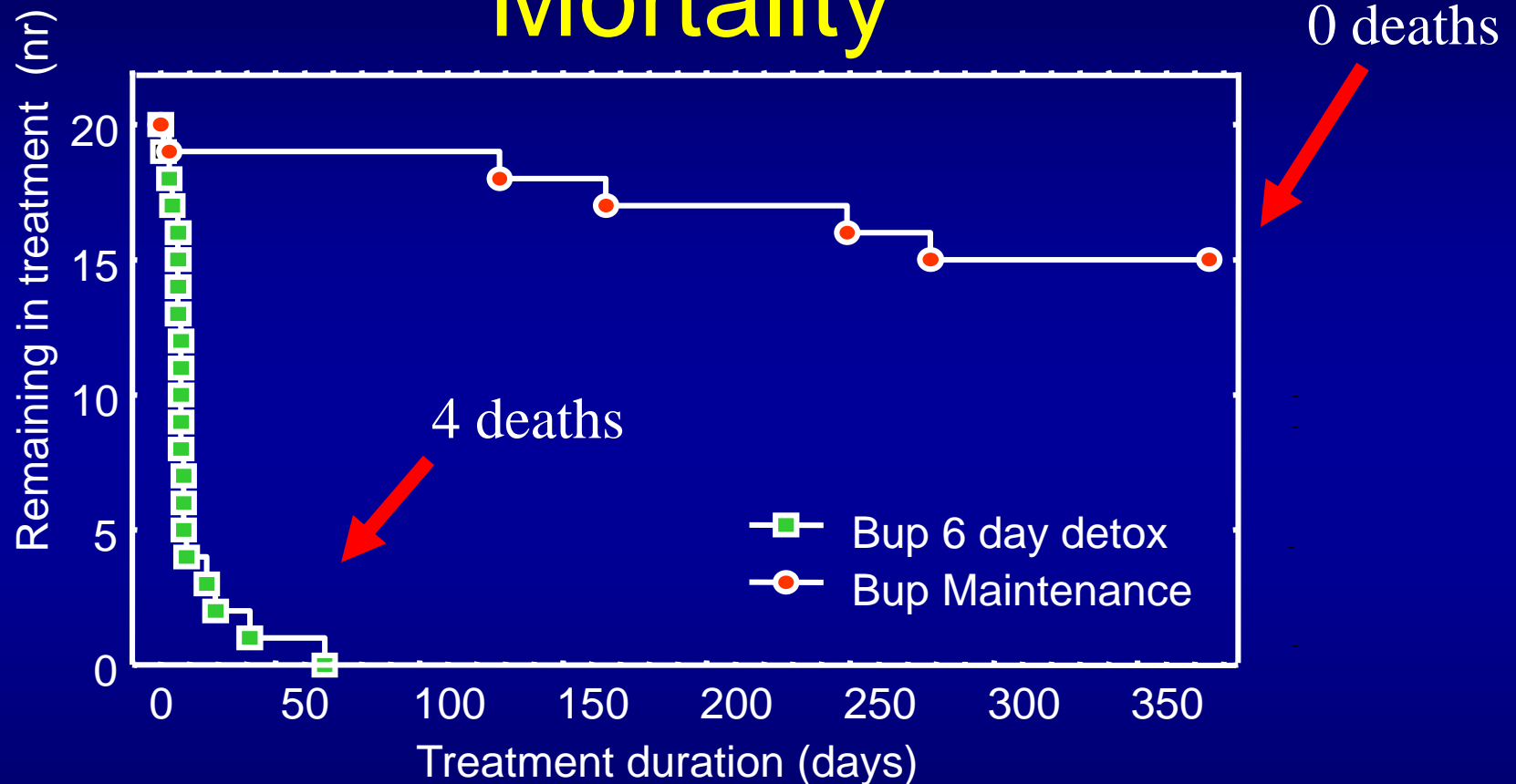


# Buprenorphine for Opiate Dependence:

- Suppresses withdrawal
- Substitutes for street opiates
- Blocks subsequently administered opiates
- Safety in long term use



# Buprenorphine: Retention and Mortality



All Patients received group CBT  
Relapse Prevention, Weekly  
Individual Counseling, 3x Weekly  
Urine Screens. n=20 per group

# Buprenorphine SL, “Subutex®”

- **Mechanism of Action**

- binds to various opioid receptors, producing agonist and antagonist effects (opioid agonist-antagonist), aka PARTIAL AGONIST

- **Cost**

- \$2-4.00 per 8mg sublingual pill **GENERIC**
- \$10.16 per 8mg sublingual pill, **Subutex®**

# Buprenorphine/naloxone SL:

Suboxone® , Zubsolv®

- **Mechanism of Action**

- PARTIAL AGONIST effect with antagonist

- Antagonist works to make formulation less likely to be injected

- **COST**

- \$7.33 per 8mg sublingual pill

- Apx same for sublingual film

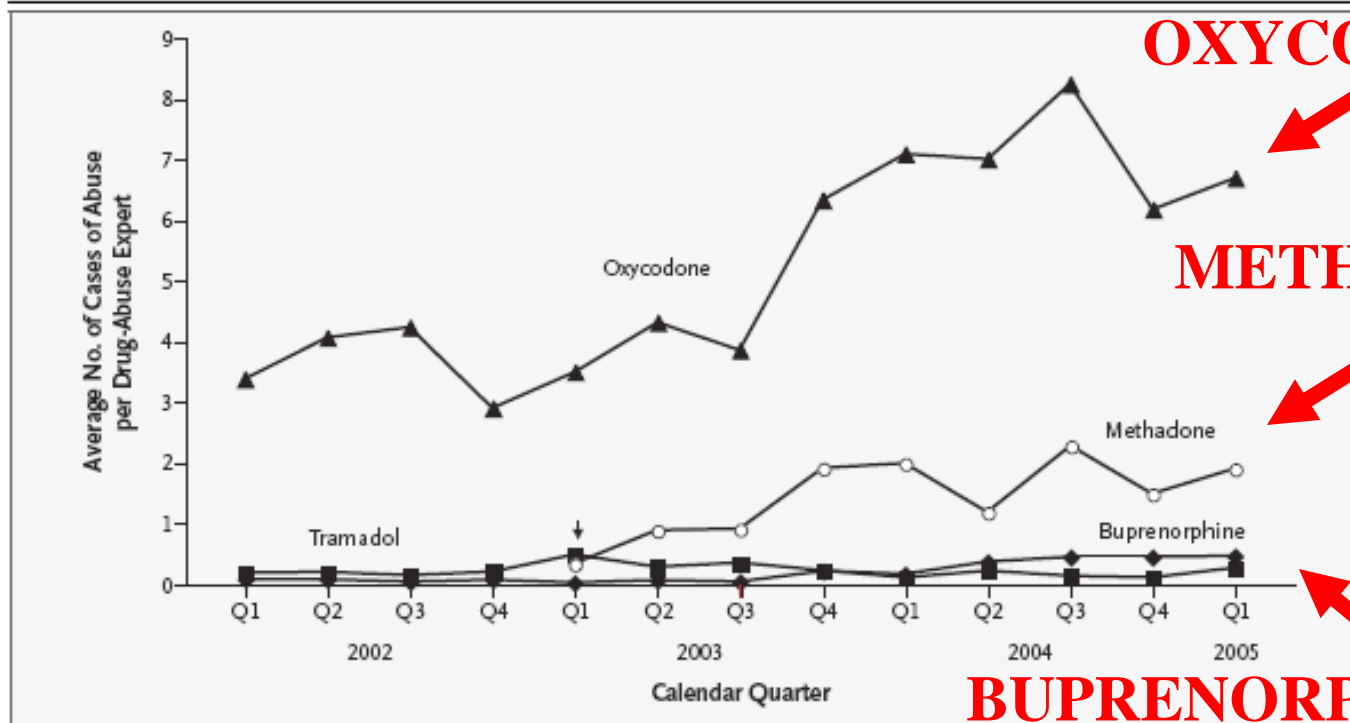
- No generic available

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# Buprenorphine subdermal: Sublocade®, Brixadi®

- Sublocade®: q 4 weeks
  - 300mg X 2 then 100mg
  - Cost: apx \$2000/month
- Brixadi: q 1 and/or 4 weeks
  - 8 mg per 0.16 mL, 16 mg per 0.32 mL, 24 mg per 0.48 mL, 32 mg per 0.64 mL, 64 mg per 0.18 mL, 96 mg per 0.27 mL, 128 mg per 0.36 mL
  - Cost ???
- No generic available

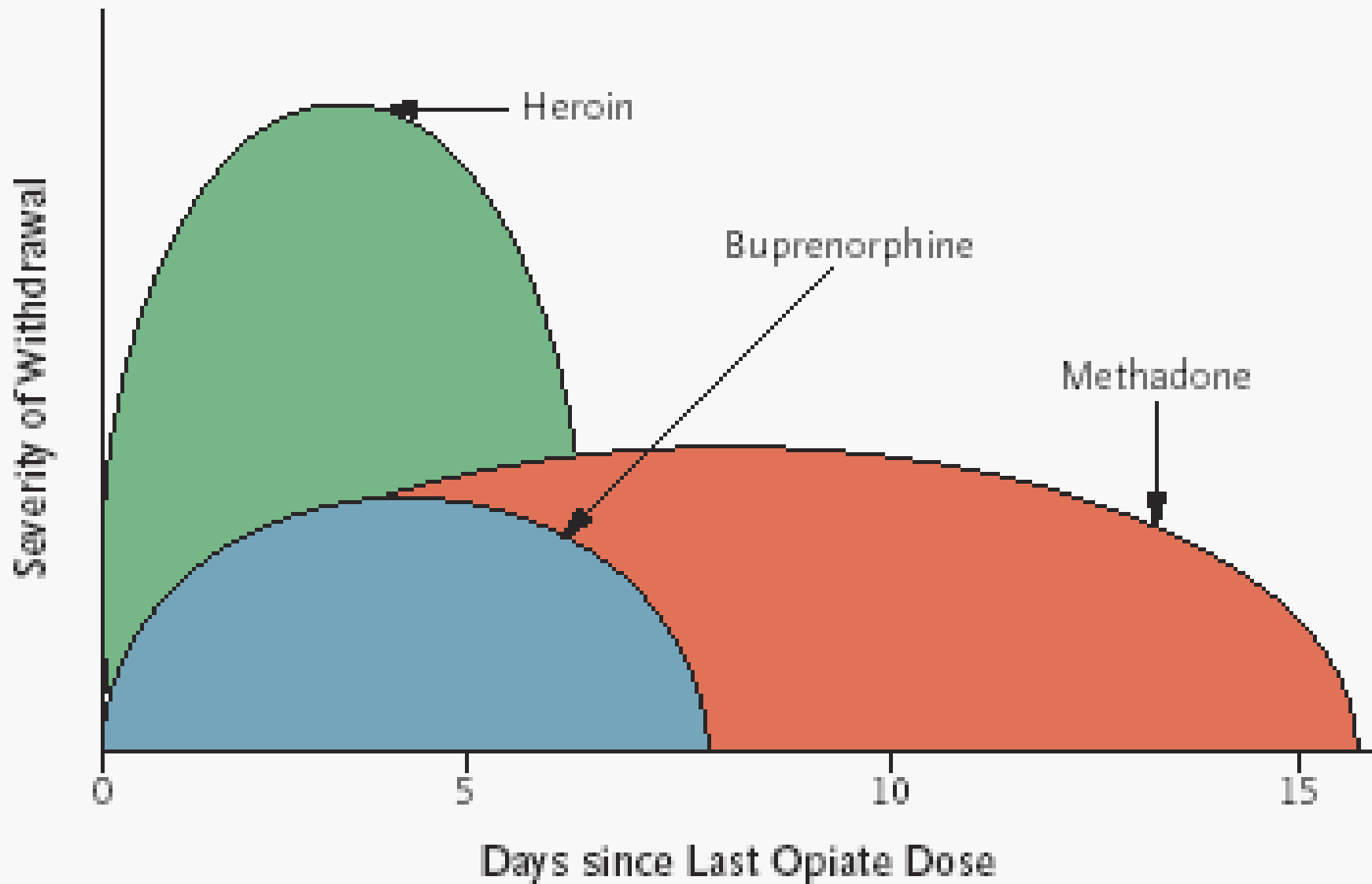
# Buprenorphine Diversion



**Figure 1.** Average Number of Cases of Abuse of Buprenorphine Products, Methadone, Tramadol, and Oxycodone per Drug-Abuse Expert.

The arrow indicates the launch date of buprenorphine for use in office-based treatment of opioid dependence.

Q denotes quarter.

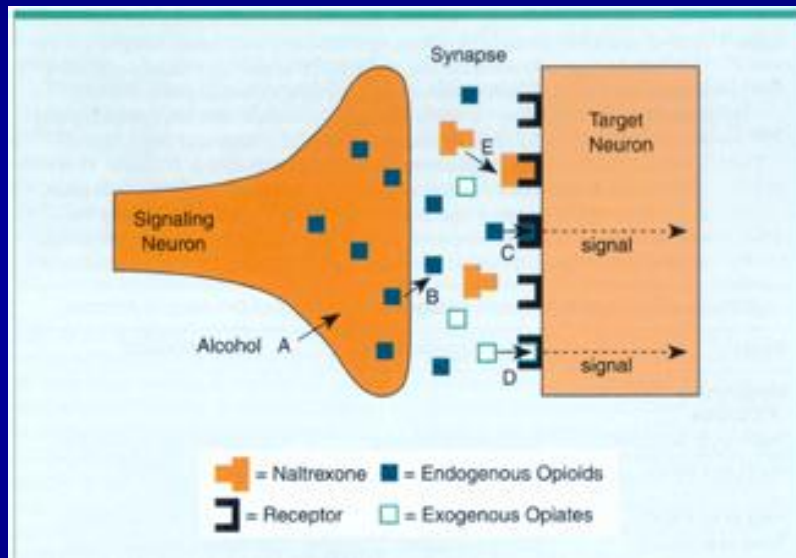




# Oral Naltrexone, ReVia®, Depade®

- **Mechanism of Action**
  - antagonizes various opioid receptors (opioid antagonist)
- **Cost**
  - ReVia® 50 mg (1 bottle, 30 ea): \$259.70
  - Naltrexone 50 mg (30 ea): \$103.99

# Naltrexone



- A) Alcohol is thought to stimulate the release of endogenous opioids, which may produce the euphoric feelings associated with alcohol consumption.
- B) Endogenous opioids (e.g., beta-endorphin) are released into the synapse (the space between the signaling and target neurons) and
- C) stimulate activity at opiate receptors, which produces a signal in the target neuron.
- D) Exogenous opiates such as morphine also stimulate opiate receptors.
- E) Naltrexone is thought to block opioids from activating opiate receptors.

# Long acting depot Naltrexone, VIVITROL®

- **Mechanism of Action** antagonizes various opioid receptors (blocks opiate mediated euphoria)
- **Cost**
  - 380 mg (1 vial): \$1,099.96
  - Covered by many insurances

# Questions?

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Which of the following FDA approved medications can only be used in the setting of an Opioid Treatment program for the outpatient treatment of opioid use disorder?
  - a. Buprenorphine
  - b. Buprenorphine/naloxone
  - c. Naloxone
  - d. Methadone
  - e. Naltrexone
  
2. Which of the following domains of the bio, psycho, social, spiritual, nutritional model is most important for the treatment of substance use disorder.
  - a. Biology
  - b. Psychology
  - c. Social changes
  - d. Spiritual
  - e. Nutritional
  - f. All of the above: all five elements are important for the treatment of substance use disorders.

## FAQs

3. The limbic brain is able to manipulate the way a person feels via the brain stem and cerebellum causing physiologic dysfunction (i.e. vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain, insomnia) AND is able to manipulate the neocortex causing changes to normal thought patterns (“it doesn’t matter,” “I can stop later,” “no one can tell,” “I can afford it”) in its attempts to facilitate re-exposure to high dopamine releasing behavior.
  - a. TRUE or FALSE
  
4. There is only one way to help someone recover from alcohol or substance use disorder. Everyone requires the exact same combination of therapies in order to be successful.
  - a. TRUE or FALSE

## Answers to FAQs:

1. **D**
2. **F**
3. **True**
4. **False**



# Q & A Session



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